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24 die, 150 survive in Japan plane crash

TOKYO, Feb. 9 (R) — Twenty-four persons were killed but 150 survived when a Japanese airliner crashed into Tokyo Bay Tuesday after what survivors called an apparent loss of power during a landing approach.

The cockpit of the Japan Airlines (JAL) DC-8 was completely sheared off in the crash and ended up in shallow water with the remainder of the four-engine aircraft resting on its roof.

Police said all the survivors were injured, 78 of them seriously, when the plane hit a beacon and smashed into the sea seconds before its planned landing at Tokyo's Haneda Domestic Airport.

Survivors said the plane, on a flight from the southern city of Fukuoka, seemed to lose power as it came in over a line of beacons. The pilot and co-pilot survived in their sheared-off cockpit but were badly injured.

All except one of the passengers on the plane were Japanese. The sole foreigner was an official of Korean Airlines, a JAL spokesman said.

The severity of the injuries suffered by the plane's two chief officers forced investigators to cut short an interview they tried to conduct

with the men.

JAL said the pilot, Seiji Katagiri, a veteran of 11 years flying on DC-8s, reported all was normal as he made his final swing across Tokyo Bay for the landing.

Recordings of conversations between Haneda tower and the aircraft conclude with the pilot confirming that he was about to land.

Then the plane's radio went dead and a voice from the tower was heard vainly calling for the crashed aircraft.

Rescuers at the scene said an engine of the DC-8 may have sucked in one of the many seabirds which rest on the approach beacons.

But stewardess Eiko Ito, 24, who survived with all the other crew-members, told reporters she heard no engine sounds to indicate a bird strike.

"The plane was in a normal attitude for landing," she said, adding that she herself was knocked to the floor by the impact of the crash and struggled to her feet as water gushed into the plane.

Fishing boats and rescue craft rushed to the scene and plucked dazed survivors to safety.

Helicopters trailing slings and nets also took turns lifting off survivors who huddled on the wings of the stricken airliner



TOKYO CRASH: Twenty-four passengers were killed when a Japan Airlines DC-8 crashed into Tokyo Bay Tuesday after an apparent loss of power. Here rescue workers in small boats hurry to remove the survivors.

America, Kingdom to form panel

DHAHRAN, Feb. 9 (SPA) — United States Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said here Tuesday that he agreed with his Saudi Arabian counterpart Prince Sultan on the formation of a joint committee to discuss the subjects of mutual interest, adding that the committee's task would not be confined to military affairs alone.

In a press conference held here at the conclusion of a three-day meetings with Prince Sultan, views were exchanged on a number of issues of mutual concern, besides completing the earlier talks held on the subject of the supply of the Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) aircraft to Saudi Arabia.

He said that both he and Prince Sultan agreed that they co-chair the committee and meet twice in a year at a mutually agreed venue. An accord was also reached that sides of both sides should meet periodically to discuss various military projects of interest to both countries, he said, adding that the committee will follow up the present activities and projects between the two countries and will also tackle any other matter coming under its responsibility.

As rescue bid flops Laker's empire put up for sale

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AP) — Sir Freddie Laker's debt-ridden airline empire went up for sale Tuesday after a Canadian-based banking consortium and a legion of loyal employees failed to rescue the company built up by the one-time salesman who became the champion of the little guy.

First on the block will be the most profitable pieces of Laker's business, the Arrowsmith and Laker Air Holidays package tour companies.

William Mackey, one of four Official Receivers called in to take over Laker Airways' financial affairs when it crashed Friday, said he hoped to have the two businesses sold by Tuesday evening.

Among the likely bidders were Laker's rivals, the independent British Caledonian Airline and the Swiss-owned, Lichtenstein-based Cosmos Tours Group.

The next to go will be Laker's 11 DC-10s and three BAC-111 airbuses worth a total of around 200 million pounds (\$372 million).

There was speculation that the maverick Laker, 59, beaten but unbowed, may try to buy back some of his planes to fly again as a charter company.

There was no confirmation of this by Laker Airline officials. The *Times* of London noted that the used airplane market is depressed and the jetliners may have to be sold at bargain prices.

The abortive rescue bid was made by the Orion Royal Bank, a subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Canada. It failed to patch together a 35 million-pound (\$64.7 million) international bail-out package for the airline before the Tuesday deadline set by Mackey.

Receiver Mackey, who had termed the rescue unrealistic, said: "The best financial brains in the banking world have failed to find a solution."

Bank Vice Chairman Christopher Chataway noted that Orion had not been able to reconcile the interests of Laker's creditors. The plan had been to inject new money, stave off creditors and reschedule Laker's 270 million-pound (\$502 million) debts.

"What fouled us in the end was the particular structure of the creditors. We did not foresee the speed with which the receivers would have to act," Chataway explained.

Earlier, 2,000 Laker Airways employees,

including busloads of pilots and stewardesses in Laker's red and black uniforms, marched through London to the House of Parliament and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's 10 Downing Street residence to petition her to save the cut-price airline founded by Laker in 1967.

The government, however, stressed it would not pump taxpayer's money into the doomed airline.

Laker employees, who last month volunteered to take pay cuts to keep the airline flying, had collected 3 million pounds (\$5.55 million) from staffers and donations from thousands of Britons who had used Laker's low-fare Skytrain service.

Among the donations: 50,000 pounds (\$93,000) pledged by Britain's top rock band, police, from the proceeds of a Los Angeles concert.

Laker Monday made his first public appearance since Friday's collapse when he attended a high court custody hearing. He is seeking access to his 4-year-old son, Freddie, who is living with his estranged third wife, Patricia, an American.

But the irrepressible Laker smiled as he left the hearing, on which no ruling was made. He told reporters: "I'm overwhelmed by all the support I've received. It's unbelievable. I love you all very dearly."

Laker launched the no-frills trans-Atlantic service four years ago after a five-year battle with the government and rival airlines. His cut-rate service forced major airlines to offer similar deals and made Laker a national hero.

But Mackey stressed that the campaign by Laker's employees never had any chance. He noted: "It's a pity people's hopes have been buoyed up."

Laker's airline crashed deep in the red due to heavy borrowing to finance planned expansion, a recession-caused drop in passenger traffic, soaring fuel prices and a shrinking British pound sterling.

Charter operations to replace Skytrain on the North Atlantic route this summer will likely be unveiled later this month. But aviation industry sources reported that the London-based Jetsave and British Caledonian, Britain's biggest independent airline, will likely make major bids to pick up Laker's business.

Manila police rescue 'haggard' Manotoc

MANILA, Feb. 9 (AFP) — Filipino sportsman Tomas Manotoc, married to a daughter of President Ferdinand Marcos, has been rescued unharmed after being held for nearly six weeks by a group he said had claimed to be members of the Communist New People's Army.

One unidentified person was reported killed in the rescue operation, which took place Monday night in a mountainous area east of Manila. Manotoc, speaking Tuesday at a news conference with Philippine defense and military officials, apologized to President

Marcos whose family, he said, had been maligned during his 40-day disappearance.

Manotoc's family had accused the Philippine government of being connected to the kidnapping, which took place Dec. 29, just after he had dined with Ince Marcos, the 26-year-old daughter of Marcos. The couple married secretly last December in Arlington, Virginia.

The Marcos family and the Philippine government have not recognized the wedding because Manotoc is divorced from Azora

Pijuan, a former beauty queen. The Philippines, predominately Catholic, does not sanction divorce. Manotoc said he could not identify the kidnappers, as he had been blindfolded and handcuffed during most of his captivity.

He was rescued Monday night from a mountain encampment 90 kms east of Manila, by two groups of armed forces intelligence operatives.

Military officials said an unidentified man was killed during the rescue operations. Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile said during the televised news conference that the rescuers had described Manotoc as "haggard, abandoned and badly shaken, haggard, trembling and in intense fear" when he was found.

Joblessness grows faster in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP) — Unemployment rose faster than in the United States last year in some of this country's major industrial rivals, according to U.S. Labor Department figures made available Monday.

The overall rate for the year in the United States was 7.6 percent, up from 7.1 percent for 1980. The rate has risen since and is now at 8.5 percent.

In West Germany the rise was more dramatic. In the early 1970s, West Germany's "Economic Miracle" kept the jobless rate down well below 1 percent of the workforce, and though there was an increase in the middle of the decade, the 1980 rate was still only 3 percent.

In 1981 the overall figure climbed to 4.3 percent — rising to 5.1 in the fall. Last week the West German government announced that 1,949,800 of its citizens were out of work. By West German calculations that was 8.2 percent. The U.S. Department of Labor statistics said that seasonal and other adjustments to put the figure into line with the others on its books would bring the West

German percentage down to about 5.2, the same figure as in December.

But the situation was bad enough so that Chancellor Helmut Schmidt had to ask a vote of confidence from the West German Parliament — for only the second time in recent history — on a \$5.7 billion program to increase jobs and investment.

In Britain the unemployment figure rose from 7.4 percent in 1980 to 11 percent in 1981 and to 12.4 percent last month. The number of jobless passed 3 million — roughly equivalent to 12 million in the U.S.

Japan has kept the best control over unemployment of all the major non-Communist countries. Complete figures for the year were not yet available.

Sweden's unemployment was only a little higher, though it edged up over 3 percent in the fall.

France was doing a bit better than the United States, but its increase was bigger: from 6.5 percent in 1980 to 7.6 percent in 1981. It reached 8 percent toward the end of year.

Manotoc kept his head down most of the time during the news conference, and said he was still feeling very weak and shaken. He said he has not informed his family about the rescue.

The 32-year-old golfer and basketball coach said he was kidnapped just outside his home in suburban Manila, after his car had been rammed. He said a man pointed a gun at his head, and told him to crouch. Another man appeared at the car door, and he was hit on both sides of the head with a gun.

Manotoc said he had written the two ransom notes received by his family. He said his writing was handicapped by bleeding wrists and numb arms caused by handcuffs. His family had called the notes forgeries.

Referring to his kidnappers, he said: "They wanted a ransom and money for their movement. They wanted to use me basically as leverage for bargaining for some of their political leaders."

Manotoc refused to answer questions about his marriage to Miss Marcos.

Centralization ruinous, Reagan says

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 9 (R) — President Reagan Tuesday charged that "central government in Washington was ruining the country and said local governments were best able to serve Americans properly."

The president attacked the Washington bureaucracy in his first speech on "New Federalism," the policy he announced in his State of the Union address to Congress a week ago.

"An all-intrusive federal government with big taxing and big spending doesn't work, never has worked and never will... the result has been overwhelming inefficiency... that ends all hope of finding local answers to local needs," he said.

Under his concept, states would take over 43 social programs from the federal government, which would help to finance them with a \$28-billion trust fund.

In addition, under a swap, Washington

would relieve the states of the multi-billion-dollar Medicaid health care program for poor Americans, while the states would assume responsibility for welfare and food subsidy stamps.

The conservative Reagan, who seeks decentralization of government and promotion of free enterprise, said in an address prepared for the Iowa State Legislature that the central government's intentions since President Roosevelt's "New Deal" had been good.

But he added that "for each ounce of blessing, a pound of freedom was quietly stolen."

He said his economic plan for the country, linking major tax cuts to sweeping reductions in government spending for most programs except defense, had begun to restore the economy.

Restore Solidarity rights -- Pope

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 9 (R) — Pope John Paul said Tuesday the only way to solve the Polish crisis was for the free trade union Solidarity to have its rights fully restored.

"The restitution of an effective and complete respect for the rights of working men, and especially their right to a union which has already been formed and legalized, is the only way out of this difficult situation," he told an audience of international trade unionists here.

Talking to his trade union audience Tuesday, the pope clearly showed growing anxiety over developments in his homeland.

"In this hour, many of your colleagues, workers and the entire population, are subjected to grave trials," he said.

The pope said that harsh restrictions of various liberties had been imposed both on members of Solidarity and the entire population.

"But they cannot force us to forget that this union acquired, and still possesses, the character of an authentic workers' organization, recognized and confirmed by the organs of the state," the pope said.

"It is, and remains, an autonomous and independent trade union, faithful to its initial aspirations, refusing violence even in the difficult situation it faces today, and still hoping to be a constructive force for the nation."

The pope, speaking in French, told his audience of 30 trade unionists Tuesday:

"A working man cannot escape the need to defend for himself the true dignity of his labor."

"He cannot be forbidden from exercising that responsibility."

The unionists came from Solidarity itself as well as from Italy, Belgium, France and West Germany.

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Hospitals statute endorsed

Cabinet briefed by Fahd

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 (SPA) — The Council of Ministers Monday was briefed by Crown Prince Fahd on the message received earlier in the day by King Khaled from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. The message was delivered to Prince Fahd by Iraqi Deputy Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan.

Foreign Minister Prince Saud also briefed the Cabinet session on the outcome of the extraordinary session of the Gulf Cooperation Council's foreign ministers conference concluded in Manama Sunday.

Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, information minister and cabinet spokesman, said the council also endorsed a new statute that will govern private hospitals, in addition to a series of measures which will improve the

hospitals' performance.

The statute will regulate medical expenses and bring them into the reach of every citizen. It calls at the same time for providing more support to private hospitals to help them enhance their services.

The statute was approved after a briefing by Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazari.

The cabinet also reviewed the report of a meeting held on the subject between Dr. Jazari and Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, minister of finance and national economy. It decided to work for the promotion of investments in private hospitals, a vital field. Prince Fahd said that King Khaled and himself were greatly interested in this matter.

Experts continue fire fighting talks

By Devadas Kini
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 9 — Fire from electrical sources, fire endurance of structural walls, testing building materials are some of the topics discussed by experts from Saudi Arabia and other countries at the second day of the three-day symposium on protection of buildings against fires.

Speaking to *Arab News*, C. Gregers Schack, project manager of the Danish building export council, said the idea of a symposium on fire protection evolved over a period of two years following talks by experts on fire resistance qualities of laminated wood.

The Danish official said that laminated wood was found to be 10 times better than steel in resisting fire.

In a paper read at the symposium on fire protection in buildings built with precast concrete, Dr. Ali-Oglu of the College of Architecture and Planning of King Faisal University, said fireproof and fire fighting aspects can be incorporated in the design by including the following systems: structural steel — treated with asbestos fireproofing system; structural steel — fireproofed

with concrete; reinforced concrete and precast concrete method. The fire fighting aspects that he suggested were: means of alerting occupants in a building (smoke detectors); means of escaping from fire (fire exits); means of exhausting smoke (smoke ventilation); and means of extinguishing fire (fire extinguishing systems).

Using ferro cement in making sandwich structures for building constructions is desirable due to the rigidity and high strength of structural elements, said Dr. Islam Basunul of the University of Petroleum and Minerals, in a paper on fire resistance of ferro cement sandwich structural walls.

Fire tests have proved that ferro cement sandwich structural walls can withstand hazardous fires for more than one hour. Fire resistance of such buildings can be improved by using the appropriate insulating materials, he explained.

Kenneth Backman of the National Fire Protection Association of USA, speaking on methods of minimizing fires resulting from electrical sources mentioned common causes of fire like faulty electrical wiring, improper electrical connections, improper grounding path and damaged insulation.

Yemen ministers confer with envoy

SANAA, Feb. 9 (SPA) — Sheikh Trad Al-Harthi, the Kingdom's ambassador to North Yemen, held talks with two Yemeni ministers Tuesday to discuss coordination between the two countries.

North Yemeni Foreign Minister Ali Luft Al-Thour received Harthi to discuss several issues pertaining to bilateral relations in addition to cooperation existing through the Saudi-Yemeni Coordination Council.

Meanwhile, the ambassador discussed with Health Minister Muhammad Ahmad Al-Kabab the final preparations for the opening of the Salam hospital in Saada scheduled for this month. The SR250-million hospital has 60 beds, four operation theaters and is con-

sidered one of the most advanced in Yemen. It has been financed by the Kingdom as part of Saudi Arabia's program to support development in North Yemen. It was implemented under the supervision of the joint coordination council.

Whittaker of the United States has been retained by the Kingdom to run the hospital for the next three years. Two contracts were signed here in November of 1980 for the supply of equipment and providing management and operation for the hospital.

The Kingdom also will be participating in a meeting of the Arab Land Transport Federation here Sunday.

Miteb opens 3rd seminar of mayors, officials

RIYADH, Feb. 9 (SPA) — Prince Miteb, minister of public works and housing and acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, Tuesday opened the third seminar of the mayors of major towns and general directors of municipal and rural affairs of various regions of the Kingdom.

The two-day seminar is attended by undersecretaries of the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs, directors general and heads of department of the ministry, as well as the directors general of municipal and rural affairs of various regions.

Welcoming the participants, Prince Miteb expressed the hope that the previous seminars, which are held thrice yearly, would have achieved their desired results. He said the present seminar will discuss the resolutions of the previous ones and the extent to which they have been implemented.

After the opening ceremony, Riyadh Mayor Sheikh Abdullah Al-Nuaim welcomed the participants, saying that he is happy that the seminar is held in the capital. He hoped that the seminar would realize its objectives to serve the country.

The seminar later discussed the resolutions and recommendations of the previous seminars, and debated several subjects connected with municipal projects and the means of developing municipal services.

In a separate development, the Municipality of Madinah has recently awarded contracts worth nearly SR450 million for some of its projects, according to Sheikh Sadaqah Khashoggi, city mayor, Tuesday.

The projects include expropriation of properties at a cost of nearly SR283.27 million, he said. A sum of over SR126.72 million will be spent on building the Manakha road tunnel and a flyover south of Safyah. Three public parks will be constructed and some roads will be temporarily asphalted at a cost of SR29.9 million, he said.

Khashoggi added that the site for the flyover has already been handed over to the executing company. A contract also has been signed for the Manakha tunnel whose site will be turned over sometime next week, he said.

In another development, the Municipality of Ruhaima is implementing some construction projects allocated in the current fiscal budget. Mayor Ahmad Al-Thumairi said that green fields are being maintained at a cost of SR2 million, and added that road asphalt and illumination in several localities is being carried out at an estimated cost of SR7 million. The work is expected to be completed in a period of nine months, he said.

AACO concludes conference Arab airlines ponder Islamic union

By Philip Shehadi

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — The member airlines of the Arab Air Carriers Organizations (AACO) ended their three-day meeting here with a decision to draw up a plan to form a joint front and a proposal to form an Islamic civil aviation federation, according to Saudi General Manager Capt. Ahmad Mattar.

Speaking at a press conference Tuesday, Capt. Mattar said the member states welcomed the proposal and promised to lend all the assistance they can to make it a success. Mattar who hosted the conference of 16 Arab airlines said the representatives concentrated on technical and training aspects and passed a number of resolutions to this effect.

Member airlines agreed to expand joint training and aircraft maintenance ventures. Mattar, who is president of AACO, said most of the assembly's decisions concerned inter-airline training which he termed "one of the most important objectives of AACO."

Discussing the joint AACO-LOCKHEED maintenance and spare parts center proposed for Jeddah, Mattar said it would be set up "as



Capt. Ahmad Mattar

fast as we can get spare parts from manufacturers." The project, announced at the assembly's opening session on Sunday, will offer AACO member airlines spare parts and

maintenance for their Lockheed Tristar aircraft. Jeddah was chosen for the site because Saudi's fleet of 17 Tristars is the largest of any Arab carrier.

Delegates to the assembly reaffirmed their commitment to maintain uniform tariffs. All AACO carriers, said Mattar, have signed a written pledge not to undercut each other's fares. Delegates also agreed to seek similar tariff agreements with non-Arab carriers that serve the Arab world, such as Saudia's accord with 10 non-Arab airlines that fly to Saudi Arabia.

"The slogan of reduced fares is killing many airlines," said Mattar, who claimed cost increases borne by the airlines over the past five years have been over 1000 percent. "People don't realize how much the airlines are suffering financially."

One object of the joint training and maintenance ventures discussed by the delegates is to reduce costs and improve productivity. AACO members have been jointly training Arab airline executives and technicians since 1980, and they have proved "very successful," said Mattar.

U.S. mission to promote fruit, juice marketing

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — A delegation of six members from the United States will visit Saudi Arabia Feb. 15 to 18 to survey and promote fresh and processed fruits and juices, according to Andrew P. McGrath, commercial officer at American embassy, Tuesday.

The mission arranged by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), is led by Richard Burton Schroeter, of the foreign agricultural service of USDA.

The group, on a promotion tour of Gulf area, will arrive here Feb. 15 from Kuwait. The members will meet port authorities to inspect and discuss facilities available. They also will hold talks with representatives of shipping lines on prices, terms and possibilities of contractual arrangement.

They also will meet fruit importers, distributors and retailers to size up the market. The U.S. group will review present supply sources and seek possible agents, distributors and retailers. The members will meet bank representatives to discuss modes of payment and payment of customs and tariffs, McGrath said.

Members of the team include Willis Ross, head of the Cling Peach Advisory Board; Joseph Truman Brownlow of Washington State Apple Commission; Clifford Carlton Beasley, of Florida Citrus Processors' Association; Edward Bruce McEvoy of Sunbelt Corporation; and Frederik Van der Monde of Sunkist Raisin Advisory Board.

KAU students propose design

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — A comprehensive plan for the development of Jeddah's old airport site has been prepared by five students of the faculty of engineering of King Abdul Aziz University and submitted to Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi for his consideration.

The students, Hatem Taha, Zainy Al-Zain Abideen, Abdullah Telmesani, Adel Bardees, Abdullah Junaideh, told *Arab News* Tuesday that the report was discussed with Farsi at a meeting held in the university Monday which was also attended by the Rector Dr. Abdullah Nassif and faculty members.

The proposals included the construction of an artificial lake, a commercial center, residential areas, arcades, civic center, green parks and other services to cover the 22-square-kilometer area.

Farsi told the students that he will invite feasibility studies by competent companies to submit proposals based on the university ideas which were prepared at the initiative of the students themselves.

Jurisprudence academy wins praise

MAKKAH, Feb. 9 (SPA) — King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd have expressed admiration for the efforts of the Islamic Jurisprudence Academy in serving the Islamic community and Islam.

In two cables received Tuesday by Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim world league and vice-chairman of the jurisprudence academy, the King and Crown Prince wished the academy success in its mission. Sheikh Harakan had sent cables to King Khaled and Prince Fahd on the occasion of the academy's fifth session which began here last week.

The academy discussed Tuesday adjusting the Ummul Qura calendar at a meeting chaired by Sheikh Harakan. A committee was formed to pursue the adjustment of the calendar. It includes Sheikh Muhammad Al-Sabeep, imam of the holy Haram; Sheikh Muhammad Abdul Rahim Al-Khaled, director of the Islamic jurisprudence academy; Abdul Rahim Kalantan, astronomer expert; and Hassan Kamal of

Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University.

The academy also discussed observations presented regarding the conditions of a legal sighting of the moon. Deliberations also covered the issues of paper currency, emergencies and other topics. Discussions will be resumed Wednesday.

Mansouri visits Oman

MUSCAT, Feb. 9 (SPA) — Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri arrived here Tuesday on a three-day visit for talks with his Omani counterpart Salem Nasser Al-Bousaidi. Talks will involve promoting cooperation in communications and transport.

Accompanied by Deputy Minister for Roads Dr. Nasser Al-Salloum, Mansouri was received by Bousaidi, the Kingdom's Ambassador here. Sheikh Muhammad Al-Mutlaq, Omani Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Ibrahim Al-Harthi and other officials.

Prayer Times

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Fajr (Dawn)	5:30	5:34	5:06	4:55	5:19	5:51
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:35	12:36	12:07	11:54	12:18	12:48
Asr (Afternoon)	3:51	3:49	3:20	3:05	3:30	3:57
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:17	6:14	5:45	5:30	5:54	6:21
Isha (Night)	7:47	7:44	7:15	7:00	7:24	7:51

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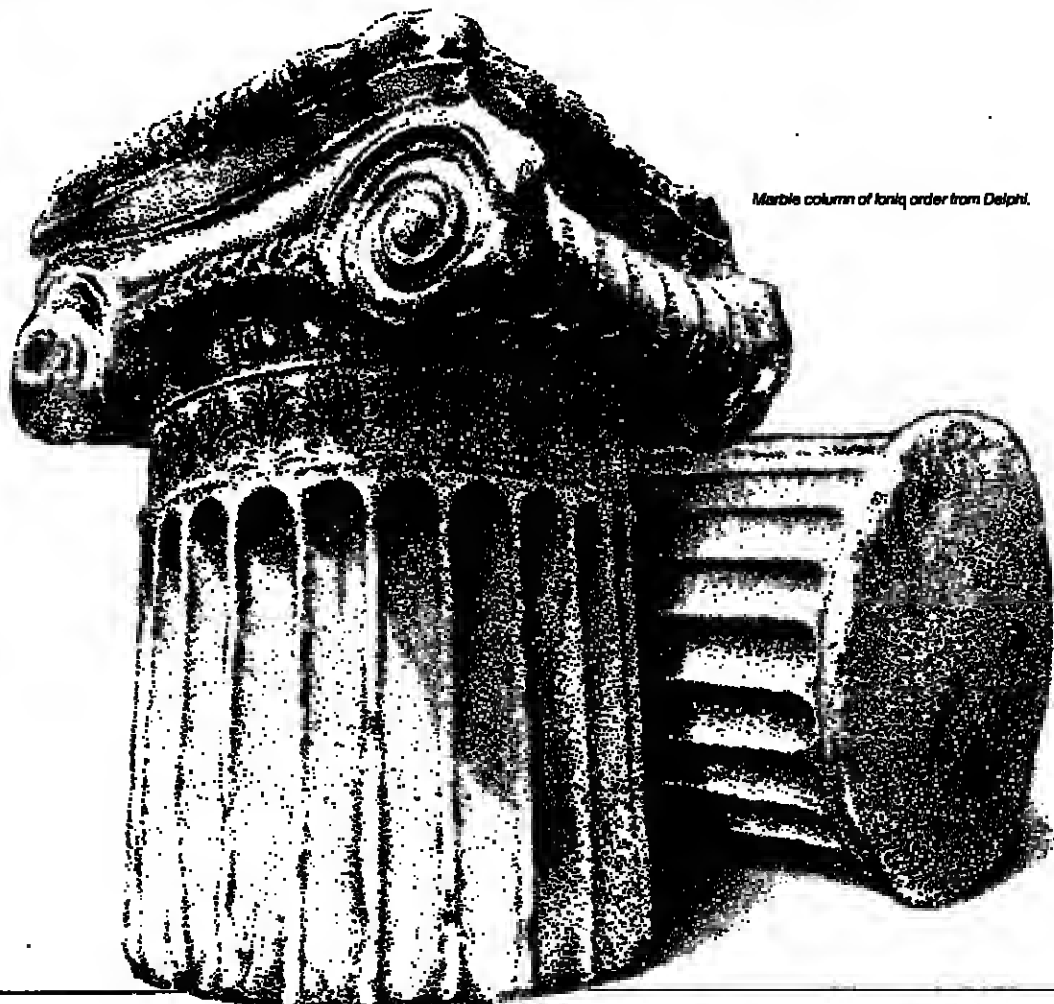
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Arab foreign ministers to meet in Tunis Friday

MANAMA, Feb. 9 (AP) — The Arab foreign ministers have decided to go ahead with plans for an emergency conference in Tunisia next Friday afternoon despite continuing inter-Arab differences, according to a report distributed here Tuesday by the Gulf News Agency. The agency said in its Tunis-dated dispatch that many of the foreign ministers of member states of the Arab League were expected to attend in person. The agency had reported Monday night that Syria will present a working paper demanding all Arab states "seek to rupture political and economic ties with the U.S. and countries supporting Israel" in recent U.N. General Assembly and Security Council debates on Israel's annexation of Syria's Golan Heights.

The Tunisia parley has already been postponed four times. Iraq was reported earlier in the day to have served notice that it will boycott any future Arab summit meetings unless the Iraq-Iran war is tabled on the agenda. Syria supports Jordanian King Hussein on the other hand renewed Tuesday his call on Arab states to follow his example in sending soldiers to fight alongside Iraq.

In the meantime, the Qatar News Agency said the Palestine Liberation Organization is calling for an emergency meeting by Arab defense ministers on the situation in South Lebanon. The agency in a report distributed here, quoted a Palestinian official in Damascus, as saying Israel was planning for a "major military adventure to sweep South Lebanon."

The situation requires an urgent meeting by defense ministers and army commanders of the Arab states to mobilize their resources against the Israeli design, the official was quoted as saying.

As tension rises in S. Lebanon Habib will return to M.E.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (R) — U.S. special emissary Philip Habib is to return to the Middle East within two weeks for new talks on the South Lebanon ceasefire, a State Department official has said.

Habib's planned trip was disclosed by Assistant Secretary of State Nicholas Veliotis as reports of Soviet arms deliveries to Palestinian forces in South Lebanon heightened tension on both sides.

Veliotis told a congressional hearing Habib would be in Washington next week to review the fragile ceasefire he negotiated last summer between the Israelis and Palestinians. Asked when Habib would fly to the Middle East, he said: "Not for another 10 days or two weeks." The final decision had not yet been made, he added.

Veliotis said the two sides shared blame for what he called the deterioration of the South Lebanon situation but blamed the Palestinians for alleged "provocations," including an attempt to infiltrate into Israel through Jordan.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig told a press conference last Friday there were reports of Soviet-supplied mortars and rockets moving through Lebanon to Palestinians in the south. He said the new weapons harmed efforts to prevent renewed conflict and Habib would seek "a termination of these destabilizing actions."

Veliotis said the United States had discussed the arms issue with Israel and, following attempted infiltration into Israel, had urged restraint by the parties. He said the Palestinians had not technically violated the ceasefire but added: "Clearly this is not a time for anyone to engage in dangerous adventures."

Under questioning by members of a House of Representatives foreign affairs subcommittee, Veliotis confirmed reports U.S. military aid to Israel would increase from the current \$1.4 billion to \$1.7 billion.

Military aid to Egypt, he said, would rise from \$900 million to \$1.3 billion in the 1983 fiscal year which starts on Oct. 1.

'Until Khomeini's downfall'

Rajavi to continue struggle

BEIRUT, Feb. 9 (AP) — An Iranian guerrilla group opposed to Ayatollah Khomeini on Tuesday acknowledged its commander inside Iran was slain by pro-Khomeini forces but vowed resistance will continue.

"A successor has already been appointed" and is at work, said guerrilla leader Massoud Rajavi in a statement read to the Associated Press Beirut Bureau from Rajavi's office in Paris, where he is in exile.

Musa Khyabani, the military chief and the second in command of the urban guerrilla organization Mujahedeen Khalq, was said by Tehran radio to have been killed Monday when Khomeini's revolutionary guards raided a hideout north of the Iranian capital, Tehran.

The broadcast said this struck a "mortal blow" to the group that has waged a campaign of attacks on Khomeini's supporters and is blamed by the fundamental-

ist Islamic regime for assassinating more than 1,000 Iranian officials.

The statement also acknowledged the Tehran radio report that Rajavi's wife and 10 other guerrillas died in the raid in which one revolutionary guard died.

Rajavi's statement equated Khomeini with the late Shah who was toppled three years ago this week. Since Khyabani had been sentenced to death by the Shah, Khomeini "completed the Shah's unfinished business," the statement said.

"The just and popular struggle of the people's Mujahedeen will continue as firmly and as bravely as ever until the downfall of Khomeini," Rajavi's statement said.

France to sell Iraq 155mm artillery guns

PARIS, Feb. 9 (R) — Iraq has ordered 155 mm artillery guns worth four billion francs (\$660 million) from France, defense officials in Paris said. The contract provides for the supply of 85 guns built by the Societe Francaise de Matieres d'Armement (SOFMA). They will be mounted on AMX-30 tanks, the officials said.

The gun is designed to fire eight shots a minute on moving targets 24 kms away.

Iraq, which has received the bulk of its military equipment from the Soviet Union including MiG 21 fighters, Ilyushin bombers, SAM missiles and other advanced hardware, has been turning to France for more aircraft and helicopters.

Mubarak says trip 'successful'

CAIRO, Feb. 9 (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak returned home Tuesday from a six-nation tour during which he reaffirmed his commitment to peace with Israel and self-determination for the Palestinians. He visited Rome, Paris, Washington, London, Bonn and Vienna on his first foreign tour since succeeding assassinated President Anwar Sadat last October. He described the trip as very successful.

During his talks with Western leaders, he renewed his commitment in the Camp David peace process but also stressed the need to provide a national entity and self-determination for Palestinians.

In Washington, where he had two rounds of talks with President Reagan, Mubarak said he would continue negotiating with Israel on the Palestinian autonomy issue, which he called "the core of the Middle East problem."

"It would be a grave mistake to think that we can evade the complexity of the Palestinian problem by shelving it or postponing the solution," he said.

Mubarak called for a phased solution for the Palestinian problem, starting with mutual acceptance and reconciliation by the Israelis and Palestinians.

The U.S. has promised to help narrow Egyptian-Israeli differences but Mubarak's talks in Washington did not seem to break new ground.

Morocco refuses talks with Polisario OAU parley hits stalemate

NAIROBI, Feb. 9 (R) — African states seeking to break a deadlock over their Western Sahara peace plan Tuesday consulted Algeria, main backer of the Polisario guerrillas fighting Morocco for the territory's independence.

An Organization of African Unity (OAU) committee also held talks with Mauritania, which jointly ruled the former Spanish colony with Morocco until it pulled out in 1979 after a costly war against the guerrillas.

The two-day talks reached stalemate Monday night when Morocco, which administers the territory, stuck by its refusal to negotiate a ceasefire and referendum in the territory's future with its guerrilla adversaries.

Delegates said they saw little chance of progress unless there was some softening of positions, and there appeared little chance of that. Morocco says it will discuss the OAU

plan only with Algeria and Mauritania. Algeria says the Moroccans should talk to the Polisario while Mauritania remains neutral.

Conference sources said Tuesday's talks were aimed at bringing Algeria and Mauritania into the peace process. No details were disclosed. Algerian President Chadli Benjedid left the discussions without talking to reporters and flew home.

Monday night Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta said the Polisario did not exist for Rabat. Officials said he told the committee Morocco would negotiate only with sovereign states.

They quoted him as saying that under international law the aggressor in any conflict was identified as the country harboring guerrillas. "We all know where these bands of guerrillas come from and where they go back to after attacking Morocco with their SAM missiles and other sophisticated weaponry," one Moroccan official quoted the foreign minister as saying.

BRIEFS

Afghanistan.

KUWAIT, (R) — Kuwait Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah was also appointed information minister under a decree published Tuesday.

CAIRO, (R) — Thirty-one persons have been arrested in Egypt and charged with forming a Communist Party, a left-wing politician said Tuesday.

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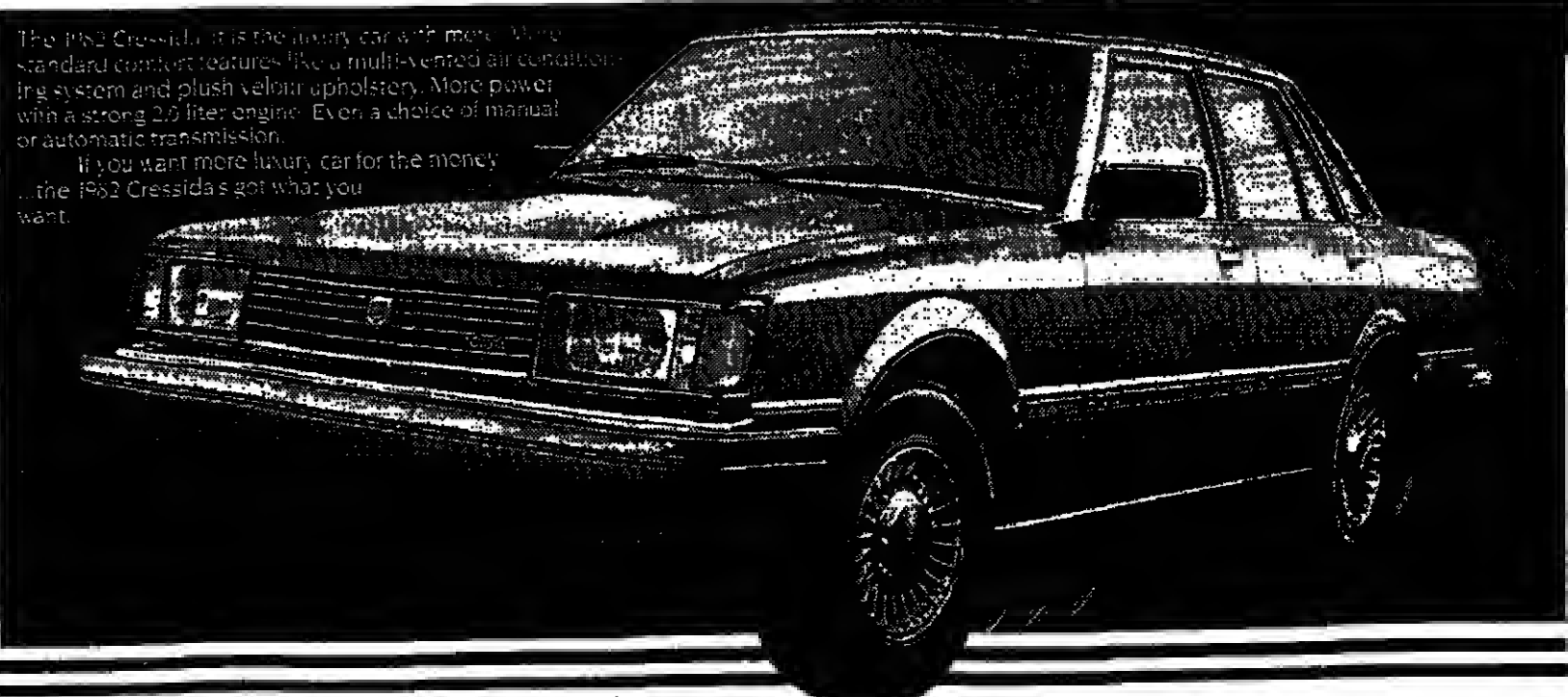
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Indonesia closes Soviet consulate

JAKARTA, Feb. 9 (Agencies) — Indonesia has asked the Soviet Union to close its consulate in Banjarmasin, south Borneo, Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja told parliament Tuesday. He said the consulate was no longer necessary and applications for visas for Soviet officials to be posted in Banjarmasin had been rejected.

Meanwhile, the military commander, Maj. Gen. Norman Sasono, Tuesday confirmed the arrest of an Indonesian army officer charged with involvement in a Soviet espionage ring. Gen. Sasono identified the officer as Lt. Col. Susdaryanto and said he had established close links over the past five years with Lt. Col. Sergei Egorov, the Soviet assistant military attaché who was expelled last Saturday on spy charges. Col. Susdaryanto is still being interrogated, Sasono added.

Two Soviet officials who saw the attaché off at the airport Saturday forcibly tried to prevent airport officials from questioning a no-diplomatic official, Alexander Finenko, who is head of the Soviet Aeroflot airline office here. The spokesman said Indonesia security officers had strongly suspected that Finenko was a member of the Soviet KGB intelligence service.

The spokesman said that during a scuffle a Soviet official hit an Indonesian security officer, which resulted in a brawl. Finenko was finally overcome and arrested. The official, who did not want to be separated from him, was also detained but when it was realized that he was a diplomat, named as G.M. Odariouk, he was released.

A statement issued by the Foreign Office said the incident constituted violations by the Soviet officials of international norms and relations. It said the violations were an "abuse of diplomatic immunity and facilities" extended by the Indonesian government.

A senior government official, who declined to be identified, told Reuters that in the light of the incident, Indonesia was seriously considering a big cut in the Soviet Embassy staff of 140, including 40 diplomats. The official said Indonesia's embassy in Moscow had only 11 diplomats and 13 other staff.

One of the country's leading parliamentarians, Amin Iskander, of the Muslim (PPP) opposition party, told Reuters Tuesday he would call for a reduction in the Soviet presence. He said he thought 25 would be an appropriate number.

Meanwhile, Soviet chess player Yuri Averbach has withdrawn from an international tournament here.

\$252m proposed for bomb shelters

Reagan seeks stockpiling of new chemical munition

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (Agencies) — President Reagan formally asked Congress Monday for authority to resume production of chemical weapons for the first time in nearly 13 years, saying it was essential to the national interest.

His request coincided with his submission to Congress of the 1983 budget which includes \$705 million for chemical weapons — \$30 million of which would be used to produce nerve gas.

In his letter to the speaker of the House of Representatives, Thomas O'Neill, a formal notification required under a 1976 law, Reagan said "the production of lethal binary chemical munition is essential to the national interest." The new chemical weapons are called binary because they contain two non-lethal components which only combine to form a toxic agent after they have been fired.

In asking for the budget funds for chemical weapons, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said there was good evidence the Soviet Union was violating an international ban on such devices. U.S. production ended in 1969.

Weinberger said in a statement issued with the budget that the United States had evidence that Soviet and Soviet-backed

troops had used chemical weapons in Afghanistan, Kampuchea and Laos. He also cited what he said was evidence of an inadvertent release of anthrax bacteria in Sverdlovsk in the Soviet Union in 1979.

In his letter, President Reagan said: "Considering the current world situation, particularly the absence of a verifiable ban on producing and stockpiling chemical weapons, the United States must also deter chemical warfare by denying a significant military advantage to any possible initiator."

He said the United States remained committed to a policy of "no first use" and that an American stockpile of chemical weapons would serve to deter a first strike as well as to provide leverage in negotiating a ban on chemical warfare.

Along with the increased funds it says are needed for weapons to avert war, the Reagan administration is asking nearly a doubling of money to protect Americans in case the United States suffers a nuclear attack.

Included are millions for such projects as identifying and marking bomb shelters, researching the best ways to stock and ventilate such shelters, studying which workers would have to remain in high-risk areas and

how to protect them, and planning for evacuation — known in civil defense parlance as "crisis relocation."

The money is tucked away in the budget of the little-known Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which also is responsible for emergency planning for such calamities as natural disasters and accidents at atomic power plants.

David Denne, an agency spokesman, said Monday that President Reagan's request for FEMA's civil defense operations — which would protect the public in the event of a military attack — total \$252.3 million for fiscal 1983. That would amount to a hike of 89 percent from the current fiscal year and 136 percent from the last year of the Carter administration.

It should be noted, however, that funding increases for civil defense have not usually fared well in Congress, which must turn the president's request — paring here and adding there — and turn it into what will actually become the fiscal 1983 budget.

Interest in civil defense against nuclear attack was at its height in the 1950s, but has had a resurgence during various crises — Berlin, Cuba, most recently Afghanistan. In late years, efforts have been focused more on moving people out of cities and other

high-risk areas rather than keeping them in shelters.

However, some money that the president requested would go into projects that were dropped years ago. One such program is the marking of 345,000 existing public shelters, those new buildings that have been identified as having "significant radiation shielding... inherent in the building itself," said Russel Clanshan of FEMA.

"What this is, is putting the yellow and black signs on buildings that was discontinued in 1973," Clanshan said. He noted that about 28 percent of the existing fallout shelters had been marked when the program stopped. "It would be reinstated and carried to completion," he said.

The identification of shelters, which has focused on fallout shelters and not those to protect against initial impact, would be upgraded, Clanshan said. "It would go into identification of what blast shelters exist," he said.

Studies are needed, Clanshan said, because civil defense officials discovered in the mid-1970s that food and medical supplies put into shelters in the preceding decade had deteriorated to the point where they had to be thrown away.

U.K. papers face threat of closure

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AP) — Australian press tycoon Rupert Murdoch has set a Feb. 19 deadline for laying off 600 employees of *The Times* of London and *The Sunday Times* after warning the newspapers face permanent closure because they are "literally bleeding to death," union officials disclosed Tuesday.

Murdoch warned in a personal letter sent to all the papers, 2,600 full-time employees Monday that the prestigious publications are in "desperate" financial straits and will close unless drastic staff cutbacks are made "within days." He said "several hundred" other layoffs were being sought among the 2,950 part-time employees, mostly printers who work on both papers.

Initial reaction from print, clerical and journalists union officials was cautious. But Murdoch was likely to run into opposition from printers who have borne the brunt of staff cuts he has already made since he bought the *Times* group a year ago.

Barry Fitzpatrick, leader of the *Times* local of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsop), the main clerical union, said: "I cannot agree to the redundancies envisaged by Mr. Murdoch. They are not acceptable." Natsop general secretary Owen O'Brien noted, however: "We expected something, but nothing as drastic as this. This man does not cry wolf."

Murdoch gave no indication of where the layoffs will be made, but union sources said he wants to axe 390 Natsop members, 175 printers and some 35 journalists from the two papers. Before flying to New York Monday night, Murdoch stressed that if unions fail to agree to the 600 layoffs he will not try to sell the two papers, but close them down permanently.

That would be a severe psychological blow to Britain's shaky newspaper industry.

In his letter to staff members, Murdoch said the papers were expected to lose 15 million pounds (\$28 million) this year, wiping out the profits his News International Group earns from two other national papers and endangering the group, Murdoch's *News of the World* 4.7 million copies and *The Sunday Times* 4.7 million every Sunday.

He blamed high overmanning in the *Times* group, soaring newsprint costs, economic recession and the troubled pound sterling for the losses. *The Times* had a daily circulation of 297,800 in the last half of 1981, a slight rise from the equivalent period the year before. *The Sunday Times* had a circulation of 1.43 million in July-December last year, a 6 percent fall over the comparable period in 1980.

Murdoch's blunt ultimatum was the third he has made on pruning the *Times* payroll since he bought *The Times*, *The Sunday Times* and three specialized weekly supplements for 12 million pounds (\$22.44 million) last February from the Toronto-based Thomson organization a month ahead of an earlier shutdown deadline.

Drug gang leader frees abducted tourists

Message to Washington

BANGKOK, Feb. 9 (AP) — Three U.S. tourists abducted and held for three days by notorious drug trafficker Khun Sa said he freed them to give U.S. President Ronald Reagan a letter offering to suppress the

British official escapes attack

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AP) — Home Secretary William Whitelaw escaped unhurt Monday after members of Britain's ultra-right National Front Party stormed a Conservative meeting he was addressing near Westminster.

Police said Whitelaw was hustled into an adjoining room when about 40 front members invaded London's Caxton Hall as he addressed a meeting of Britain's young Conservatives. A red smoke bomb was hurled into the hall and scuffling broke out between rival political supporters before police and stewards restored order.

Front organizer Martine Webster told reporters that supporters of the extremist party had gone to the meeting to protest about the imprisonment last month of Joe Pearce, editor of the party magazine, *Bull-dog*. Pearce was jailed under race relations laws because of racist material published in the magazine.

opium trade, officials said Monday.

But U.S. Consul General Paul Bennett, who monitors anti-narcotics operations in northern Thailand, said the proposal was probably a ploy and could not be trusted. He said the offer asked for some kind of compensation in exchange for not growing opium poppies, used to make heroin. "There is no way that anything like this can be policed," said Bennett in a telephone interview from the northern Thai city of Chiang Mai, part of the famed golden triangle where the borders of Thailand, Burma and Laos meet. It is here most of the world's opium is grown.

The three Americans were among six Western tourists released Saturday by Khun Sa, the chief of the golden triangle opium trade. He has controlled most of the area for years using a blend of persuasion, bribery and terror. His private force, the Shan United Army, is based in the southern Burmese province of Shan.

Bennett said the Americans had shown the letter, written in Burmese, to consulate officials in Chiang Mai. He said the three planned to travel later to Bangkok, where the letter would be handed to U.S. Embassy staff. The other freed tourists were identified by the local press as Brigitte Voges 25, a sociologist from West Germany, Abraham Dubawaski 39, an Israeli now living in Oslo,

and Noel Battersby, 22, a plumber from Brisbane, Australia. They and the Americans were captured by Khun Sa's men following a two-day military campaign by Thai forces to sweep the opium-trafficking army out of Thai territory.

Bennett said that a second letter, written in Burmese, had also been handed to the tourists, claiming that the Shan United Army was not trafficking in opium and did not know anyone who was.

Explosion kills 3 in West Germany

HANAU, West Germany, Feb. 9 (AP) — At least three persons were killed and six were missing Tuesday when an explosion badly damaged a West German cosmetics factory. Another 20 persons were injured in the blast, said Udo Mueller, mayor of Bruchköbel, a small town near this industrial center east of Frankfurt. Eighteen of the injured were rushed to hospitals, he said.

There were ten persons inside the plant when the explosion occurred in the mixing room of Kosmetikfabrik Reinelt, a company producing hair sprays, liquid soap and body lotions. The company employs some 60 persons, Mueller said. Those injured included passersby and workers arriving for the day shift, he said.

The explosion, which caused walls to collapse and damaged at least another 100 buildings in the vicinity, shook the area just before the night shift was to be relieved, Mueller told reporters. At least six persons were missing, believed buried under the ruins, he said. The explosion started a fire which was fought by all available fire brigades rushed in from Hanau and other towns in the vicinity.

U.N. chief names woman assistant

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 9 (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar promoted another woman Monday to assistant secretary-general, the third highest grade in the secretariat. It was the second such promotion he had announced since taking office Jan. 1 and raised the number of women on that level to six.

The newly announced assistant secretary-general was Dr. Nafis Sadik, 47, of Pakistan, promoted from director. Her functional title is assistant executive director of the U.N. Fund for Population Activities, where she has worked since Oct. 16, 1972.

Lella Doss, 60, of Egypt was promoted to assistant secretary-general and placed in charge of U.N. personnel services in a move announced only a week after Perez de Cuellar became secretary-general. She had been director of the division of economic and social information.

Mrs. Sadik is a medical doctor educated in Karachi, and Baltimore, Maryland, and a former director-general of Pakistan's family planning program.

BRIEFS

SEOUL (AP) — South Korean Foreign Minister Lho Shin-Yong will visit Sri Lanka, India, France and Nigeria Feb. 15-26 to discuss ways of promoting bilateral cooperation, the Foreign Ministry announced Tuesday.

STUTTGART (AP) — Three Ghanaians have been arrested for smuggling marijuana into West Germany via Amsterdam, authorities said Monday.

MANHASSET, New York (R) — John Hay Whitney, millionaire, racehorse breeder and patron of the arts as well as an onetime diplomat, died Tuesday after a long illness. He was 77. A member of one of America's wealthiest families, he served as U.S. ambassador to London from 1956 to 1961 during the presidency of Dwight Eisenhower.

MOSCOW (AP) — Nikolai A. Semenov, who was thought to have played a major role in the Soviet nuclear arms program, died suddenly at the age of 64, the Soviet government newspaper *Izvestia* reported.

HONG KONG (AFP) — Pirates operating off the southeastern coast of the Philippines killed three persons aboard a Hong Kong fishing junk Friday, the six surviving crewmembers reported Tuesday. The crew members returned Tuesday on the bullet-riddled junk with the bodies of the three, the vessel's master, his wife and their 21-year-old son.

BERLIN (AP) — Willy Rumpf, a former East German finance minister, died at age 79, the party newspaper *Neues Deutschland* reported Tuesday.

Hijacking case focuses Belgian youth protests

BRUSSELS, Feb. 9 (R) — A young man who hijacked a school bus and held 16 children hostage at gunpoint said at the opening of his trial Monday he did it to protest against what he called social injustice in Belgium.

Unemployed mechanic Michel Stree, 22, is charged with holding the children for 10 hours after seizing the bus 15 months ago in the southern Belgian town of Veilsam. "I was at the end of my tether, I'd had enough," he told the court, saying social injustice in his region and family pressures drove him to act.

He forced the bus driver to take him to the television center in Brussels and tried to arrange a program in which he wanted King Baudouin to take part, the court heard.

The defense said he wanted to get the Belgian authorities to take him seriously. "He is a sick part of a sick society," said defense lawyer Michel Graindorge. He had no intention of harming any of his hostages, Graindorge added. "He would not have touched a hair of the children," he said.

The courtroom was packed with young people, for whom the case has in recent months become a focus for their protests about Belgian society. Belgium's unemployment is running at nearly 13 percent of the work force, the highest figure in the 10-nation European Economic Community.

Protest groups have sprung up calling Stree an inspiration, although he has tried to discourage the publicity surrounding his trial.

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To trim huge deficit

Congress likely to modify budget

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP) — Despite administration assertions that President Ronald Reagan's new budget is essential for economic recovery, leaders of both parties are suggesting Congress will rewrite it to lower the huge deficits in the president's version.

The \$757.6 billion 1983 spending plan formally sent to Congress shortly before noon Monday projects record deficits of \$98.6 billion this year and \$91.5 billion for the 1983 fiscal year that starts Oct. 1.

To hold deficits to those predictions, Reagan is recommending an additional \$2.4 billion in budget cuts this year and about \$56 billion in savings for 1983, including cuts of \$27 billion in domestic programs.

Senate Republican Party leader Howard Baker predicted Monday that Reagan's budget, "perhaps with some modifications," will be passed by Congress. But house majority leader Thomas P. O'Neill, accusing Reagan of hanging around "that country club style of people" too much, said Democrats will put forth a counter proposal that will fare better than the one last year.

Senate Democratic leader Robert C. Byrd called the deficit projections "shocking," but said the true figures are much higher. "This is really a campaign budget," Byrd charged, saying that last year the administration "fed phony numbers into the computer and they're doing it again."

Reagan denied charges that his budget

proposal is balanced on the back of the needy. "We are still continuing to increase sizably our spending on social programs," he said.

But, the president added, "Do we honestly believe that someone whose parents earn in six figures (more than \$100,000) is entitled to have food stamps because they're going to college? That's what's been going on."

Top administration officials attempted Sunday to cool criticism of the plan by arguing that major changes in the president's budget would further damage the nation's reeling economy.

Presidential counselor Edwin Meese III said enacting the spending cuts, reducing government benefits programs, closing tax "loopholes" and imposing the user fees that Reagan wants "will raise the confidence of investors which will ultimately work to bring down the interest rates." Budget Director David A. Stockman declared "these huge budget savings are necessary, essential to

keep the economic recovery program moving forward."

The budget also disclosed that U.S. contributions for loans to poor countries are expected to go down after 1983.

No figure was given. But according to one report, which the U.S. treasury would not confirm, the administration proposal for contributions to the chief source of easy loans for the poorest countries will go down to \$750 million a year from the \$1.1 billion that former President Jimmy Carter promised to give. This money would be lent out by the International Development Association (IDA), a part of the World Bank, in loans that give 50 years to repay and charge no interest.

The 32 other donor countries, which supply 73 percent of the funds, are expected to make cuts corresponding to the figure that Congress finally decides to contribute. Last year Congress provided only \$700 million.

Laker fall spells air fare hike

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AP) — Transatlantic air fares on several routes will rise by an average 15 percent on March 1 and another 7 1/2 percent in May following the demise of Laker Airways, rival airlines said Monday.

One predicted that by the end of the year, fares could rise 25 percent following the collapse last Friday of cut-price pioneer Laker. "However, the airlines, many of them also financially troubled, said they expect competition to remain cut-throat and increases to remain as low as possible."

"There were cheap fares over the Atlantic before Sir Freddie Laker and there will be cheap fares after him," said the chairman of British Caledonian, Adam Thomson.

Ted Duggan, press officer for state-owned British Airways, put forth the case for increased fares to restore profit margins. "Whether this sees the end of the blood-letting resulting from cheap-fare competition I don't know. It depends whether the demise of Laker will make the others come to their senses."

Duggan said many transatlantic air fares will go up an average 15 percent March 1 and then 7 1/2 percent in May as a result of a recommendation agreed on by airlines at a meeting of the International Air Transport

Association (IATA) last month. The March increase hikes the price of a London to New York winter economy ticket from 124 to 143 pounds (\$230 to \$266). A one-way economy ticket from London to Los Angeles goes up from 169 to 202 pounds (\$314 to \$375).

IATA represents some 100 airlines and can only make recommendations to members. Laker, which called in a bankruptcy receiver following the collapse of attempts to reschedule \$359 million in debts, was not an IATA member.

The *Times of London* suggested Monday that the hikes might not have happened if Laker had remained on the scene. Laker, 59, revolutionized transatlantic travel with his no-frills skytrain service launched in 1977, sparking a price war between major competitors among the 40 or 50 airlines flying the North Atlantic.

As the *Sunday Times* said in an editorial: "A far greater tragedy than Laker's spectacular crash will occur if governments allow the bad old days of IATA cartels and inter-airline price-fixing to bring to an end, or at least impede, the progress of cheap air travel."

Mauroy allays trade fears

PARIS, Feb. 9 (AP) — French Premier Pierre Mauroy has told international business leaders that France's Socialist government supported a "dynamic and open" atmosphere in the corporate community.

"We understand the toughness of international economic competition," Mauroy said. "France will not have a chilly attitude. France has everything to gain in taking on this competition in a dynamic manner."

Mauroy made the comments in opening a

conference Monday on French economic policies sponsored by the *International Herald Tribune*, a Paris-based English-language newspaper. Several hundred French and international corporate chiefs are attending the two-day conference.

The economic policies of French President Francois Mitterrand have been criticized by many French business leaders. Mitterrand's policies call for increased corporate taxes as well as nationalizing 39 banks, five industrial groups and two investment firms in his fight against unemployment and inflation.

Mitterrand's government also reduced the work week from 40 hours to 39 hours Feb. 1 and increased vacation time from four to five weeks for all French workers. The reduced work week prompted some strikes after certain businesses attempted to counteract the 39-hour week by canceling or reducing such things as rest breaks.

Mauroy told the conference the French government wanted a "new sharing" between workers and businesses. He said this sharing could be accomplished "without too much weight on corporations if productivity increases."

London commodities

Closing Prices

Gold (\$ per ounce)	379.50
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	458.25
3 months	474.25
Copper cash	864.50
3 months	894.50
Tin cash	8955.00
3 months	8005.00
Lead cash	832.75
3 months	332.75
Zinc cash	452.25
3 months	456.50
Aluminum cash	598.75
3 months	621.50
Nickel cash	3090.00
3 months	3132.50
Sugar March	173.85
May	177.20
Coffee March	1321.00
May	1244.00
Cocoa March	1206.00
May	1171.00

Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton. The above prices are provided by Samuel Research & Investment Ltd., P.O. Box 6474, Tel. 6653908, Jeddah.

Malaysia may slash tin production

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb. 9 (AFP) — Malaysia is "seriously considering" a cutback in tin production to the tune of 15,000 tons a year, Prime Minister Mahathir Muhammad said here Tuesday.

Dr. Mahathir said the aim was to reduce the country's dependence on the commodity as a source of revenue.

He said the details and mechanism for the cutback were being worked out. The reduction could come into effect in 1982.

Dr. Mahathir forecast a possible maximum drop of 15,000 tons annually, about 25 percent of the country's total production.

He said Malaysia did not want to push up tin prices abnormally, as in the case of nil prices, adding: "Our intention is to see that tin fetches a fair price."

The output reduction was intended to serve the national interest in the face of the "manipulation of prices in the international tin market," he said, adding that it was not a big cutback in international terms. Dr. Mahathir said that the proposal for an association of tin producers and for central tin marketing arrangements were being pursued.

In London, meanwhile, a record 9,000 pounds a metric ton was paid Monday for tin for delivery within the next ten days as the squeeze on supplies was maintained by certain influential dealers.

Pakistan to host OIC session

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 9 (R) — Industry ministers of the 40-member Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) will meet for the first time in a four-day industrial cooperation meeting here starting Feb. 14.

Pakistani Industries Minister Elahi Bux Soomro announced the meeting at a news conference Tuesday and said it would discuss member states' investment potential, joint ventures and cooperation in industrial finance, training and research.

He said this followed a plan approved by the third OIC summit conference held in Taif in January last year. The OIC was set up after the first Islamic summit conference in 1969.

Soomro hoped about 30 member states and 10 observer countries and organizations would attend the conference, most of them at ministerial level. The observers would include the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Islamic Development Bank, he added. He said the Islamic countries wanted to promote self-reliance and Pakistan wanted to see a concrete follow-up to this meeting.

China's exports record 10% rise

PEKING, Feb. 9 (R) — China's foreign trade increased by between 10 and 11 percent last year and also achieved a small surplus of exports over imports after a \$3 billion deficit in 1980, a trade promotion official said Tuesday.

Sun Fang, vice-chairman of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, said the surplus was expected to increase this year. He added that in 1983 China would start repaying money borrowed from other countries. Sun gave no details of the trade figures and did not elaborate on China's debt repayment plans. Sun, speaking during a meeting with the managing director of Reuters, Glen Renfrew, said China disliked the burden of debt amounting to \$4.7 billion.

However, senior Chinese officials have often stated that China will make increasing use of foreign loans, with a natural preference for those offered at low interest. This means government credits and aid from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

London stock market

LONDON, Feb. 9 (R) — Stock prices closed lower following the larger than anticipated estimate of sterling M3 money supply in the six weeks to Jan. 20, dealers said. At 1500 hours the *Financial Times* index was down eight points at 562.7.

Prices fell at the outset in response to the fall in Wall Street and easier sterling prompted falls of up to 1/2 in government bonds, extended to half a point after the mid January banking statistics.

Some leading issues closed above the day's lows but falls still ranged to 10p while gold shares, U.S. and Canadians were all easier.

Dollar, riyal rates surge

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — The dollar went from strength to strength on the European exchanges Tuesday after a strong closing in New York the previous night. Eurodollar deposit rates also advanced, indicating the first major moves since dollar rates remained stable over the past few days.

In the bullion markets, gold fell back to \$380 per ounce at nine stages in Geneva, from the \$387 levels recorded in London on Monday. The dollar's advance was not the only movement to be recorded Tuesday, for in the local markets riyal deposit rates also made some strong gains taking the one-month rate to 15 1/4-15 3/4 percent at one stage compared with 14 1/4-14 3/4 percent opening levels. The local exchange markets also experienced more activity with spot riyal/dollar rates being quoted above 3.4205 — 10 levels for most of Tuesday.

The change in sentiment over the dollar occurred in New York Monday night where the money markets reacted negatively to President Reagan's 1983 budget proposals sent to Congress. This called for a \$98 billion budget deficit financing and the money market men were suddenly made aware of the implications on U.S. dollar interest rates in financing of such a figure. Eurodollar deposit rates shot up by between 1/4 and 1/2 percent in some instances taking the one-year dollar rate comfortably past the 16 percent level to trade at 16 1/16 percent. The one-month Eurodollar rate is now just

below the 16 percent level at 15 15/16 percent compared to 15 9/16-15 11/16 percent Monday.

With a seeming upward movement for dollar deposit rates, the American currency made some strong gains against all currencies in Europe Tuesday. Sharpest falls were recorded against the French franc and the German mark, but the hitherto stable British pound also fell back to 1.8410 levels from 1.8600 Monday. The French franc fell through to 6.03/6.04 levels in Paris by late afternoon while the German mark weekend to 2.3760 from 2.3680 openings. The Swiss franc touched the 2.00 level before stabilizing at 1.9985 and the yen lost more ground to the dollar to trade at 237.00.

In the local markets, the dollar's European advances were matched by a firming in riyal deposit rates — the first noticeable movement since three weeks ago. One-week fixed rates went to 14 1/4-15 percent, while the one-month JIBOR rate reached 15 1/4-15 3/4 percent by late trading. The comparable levels were 13 1/4-14 percent and 14 1/4-14 3/4 percent Monday. One-year rates also went up but lagged behind the one-month rate to trade at 14 1/4-15 1/4 percent levels.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):
London 379.75
Paris 376.68
Frankfurt 378.00
Zurich 378.50
Hong Kong 379.89

Commodity price drop hits 3rd World

GENEVA, Feb. 9 (AP) — Commodity prices fell to a 21-year low in 1981, threatening recent modest economic growth in the Third World, an official of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has said.

Alister McIntyre, UNCTAD's acting deputy secretary general, told the agency's 100-member commodities committee Monday that commodities brought lower prices in 1981 than at any time since 1960, allowing for inflation's effects.

In last year alone, McIntyre said, the combined price index for all commodities fell by more than 20 percent in real terms. Such losses have "been a major factor in the grave intensification of the payments problems fac-

ing the developing countries," he told the committee, more than half the members of which are from Third World states. The panel opened a week-long meeting Monday to consider suggestions for creating a commodities fund that would allow drawing rights to developing nations when prices are depressed.

"It is expected that the current account deficits of developing countries in 1982 will be even higher than the record figure of \$100 billion in 1981," McIntyre said, adding: "Consequently, the state of the world commodity situation has created major problems for maintaining growth and development in a number of developing countries."

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday	Transfer
SAMA Cash	9.00
Bahraini Dinar	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	15.35
Belgian Franc (1,000)	282.00
Canadian Dollar	144.40
Deutsche Mark (100)	131.40
Dutch Guilder (100)	3.50
Egyptian Pound	3.92
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.15
French Franc (100)	57.25
Greek Drachma (1,000)	54.00
Indian Rupee (100)	37.25
Iranian Rial (100)	—
Iraqi Dinar	6.50
Italian Lira (10,000)	27.20
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.50
Jordanian Dinar	10.61
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	70.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)	59.00
Pakistani Rupee (100)	32.60
Philippines Peso (100)	41.80
Saudi Riyal (100)	6.80
Saudi Sterling	94.00
Singapore Dollar (100)	161.60
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	34.20
Swiss Franc (100)	179.75
Syrian Lira (100)	58.00
Turkish Lira (1,000)	63.50
U.S. Dollar	3.4275
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.00

Selling Price	Buying Price
Gold kg.	42,000
10 Tola bar	41,800
999.999	4,880
999.999	1,300

The above cash and transfer rates are supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange & Commerce, Gable St., Tel. 6420932, Jeddah.

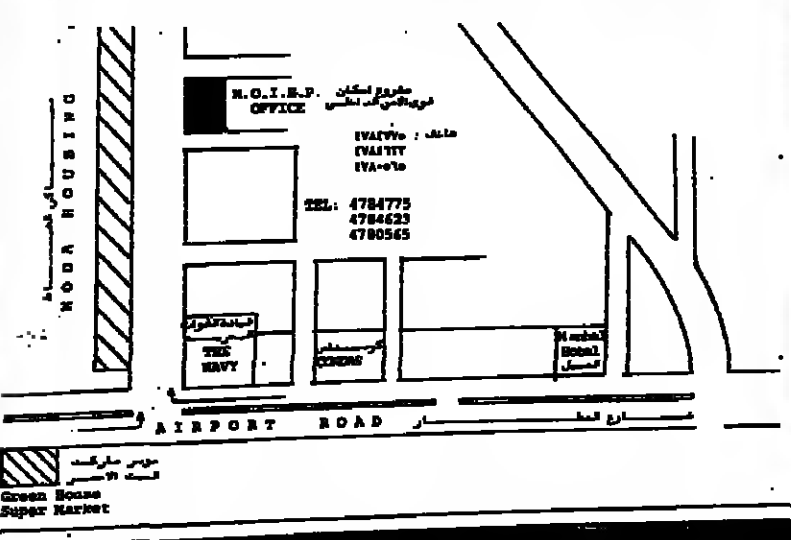
SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tenders No.	Tender Price (SR)	Closing Date
Tabuk Municipality	Maintenance and operation of water networks and related facilities in Tabuk	1	1,000	13-2-82
Presidency of the National Guard in Riyadh	Washing, greasing and maintenance of National Guard in various areas	23/401/402	200	13-2-82
Jeddah Municipality	Improvement and beautification of Jeddah, phase III, group IV	55	10,000	22-2-82

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR SECURITY FORCES HOUSING PROJECTS IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Internal Security Forces Housing Projects Office, announces that the Tendering of the Internal Security Forces Housing Project, Phase One, Group Two is now underway. All Contractors who have not yet been registered, or those who desire to add further information to their previous Contractor Registration Forms, are kindly requested to contact the Project Office Riyadh from 13th February, 1982 (12th Rabi Thani 1402) to receive the Prequalification Forms. Please note that the closing date for collection of forms is 27th February, 1982 (4th Jamadi Awal, 1402).

Due to the high response from Saudi contractors for the previous project (Group I) and the Ministry's desire to encourage them, and to give them the greatest possible opportunity, we hope all Saudi Contractors, specially those classified with the Public Works Agency for more than S.R. 200 million will respond favourably to this announcement.



BRIEFS

OTTAWA, (AFP) — Canada imported 199,951 Japanese cars last year, a rise of 26 percent, and 46,517 trucks, an increase of 106 percent, trade figures showed here. Under an agreement between the two countries, imports of Japanese cars must not exceed 174,213 units in the year to next March 31. The total in the first nine months of this period was 142,487.

AMSTERDAM, (AFP) — Fokker could share in a medium-range jet construction project similar to the MD-100, company president Frans Swartouw said after his firm broke off its link with McDonnell-Douglas on the MD-100. Swartouw said he would like to work with Boeing on the new plane. But he said he thought it would have to wait until the market situation improved. The MD-100 program is for a 150-seat aircraft.

LA PAZ, (AFP) — The strike by miners, some industrial workers, bank staffs and journalists, organized Monday by the Bolivian Workers Confederation (COB) following government measures Friday, has been declared illegal by the Bolivian Ministry of Labor.

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — The European Common Market (EEC) commission has authorized France to refuse import licences

for South Korean, Japanese, Hong Kong and Taiwanese toys applied for after Jan. 25. The measure covers wooden and other toys, but excludes mechanisms for toys and models. The commission noted that such products are available in France at half the price of French equivalents.

TOKYO, (AFP) — The Sultanate of Oman has placed an order with Japan Gasoline Corp. (JGC) worth \$1,800,000 for setting up three seawater desalination plants. The three units will be located near fishing villages, and one of them will produce 100 tons of fresh drinking water per day, JGC said.

LONDON, (R) — Britain's year-old Social Democratic Party (SDP) broke ranks in public for the first time Monday night in a parliamentary vote on trade union law. The split seems bound to damage the new party which, without choosing a leader or proposing any exact policies, has won widespread support in several by-elections and public opinion polls.

JOHANNESBURG, (AFP) — South Africa recorded a 346 million rand trade deficit last year, according to official figures published here Tuesday. The previous year the republic had a trade surplus of 5,534 million rands.

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Soviets use fake radio against China

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON —

A covert Russian radio station pretending to speak for the Chinese armed forces is seeding the airwaves with well-informed black propaganda. First heard in March 1979, the "1 August Radio," named after China's Army Day, has been identified by the British Broadcasting Corporation's monitoring service.

The secret transmitter never misses a chance to humiliate China's leadership, especially Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping. One of its latest broadcasts raised the issue of preferential treatment for the children of party bigwigs, and accuses Deng, who often blasts official corruption, of sending two of his children to foreign universities despite the regulation that only those who pass rigorous examinations may study abroad.

Perhaps more damaging for the vice-chairman are the radio's allegations that, in exchange for long-term military relations with Washington, he has agreed to overlook U.S. arms sales to Taiwan. This is an extremely sensitive point in China, where Deng's adversaries especially in the army, grumbled at his offer last year of semi-autonomy to Taiwan. Deng's gesture, which Taiwan rebuffed, was followed almost at once by the possibility of U.S. sales of advanced jets to the Nationalists.

Washington announced last month that the sales would not take place, but Peking's anger until then may have been a measure of Deng's embarrassment at having overestimated his influence in Washington.

Earlier, the cover station had accused Deng of indiscreetly disclosing China's plans for its 1979 invasion of Vietnam. These plans, it said, were leaked to Hanoi, which hardened its defenses and "inflicted heavy losses on the Chinese Army."

In a further attempt to widen the breach between Washington and Peking, "1 August Radio" recently referred to Washington's admission last summer that two CIA-installed missile tracking stations were spying on the Soviet Union from Western China. The timing of the American revelations could not have been more damaging, coinciding with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig's visit to Peking. The outraged Chinese bade Haig a chilly farewell and promptly made a gesture of possible negotiations to Moscow.

New "1 August Radio" says that investigations by "our army" (a fiction underlining the supposedly Chinese origin of the broadcasts) demonstrate that the leaks about the missile station began in Washington, an already well-known fact. The broadcast suggests that although Deng and the Americans had undertaken to keep secret all details of military cooperation, internal U.S. political squabbling led to the security crack. "It is absolutely inadvisable to really trust the U.S.," said the radio.

Nor were American political factions alone to blame. "The ruling U.S. authorities disclosed information on the radar intelligence network in Xinjiang to aggravate the tense situation on the Sino-Soviet border," the radio said.

A tell-tale sign that the broadcasts are Soviet is their contention that the Americans are worried by the "improving" Chinese-Russian relationship. Such an admission is not yet possible in Peking. — (ONS)

Lebanese presidential election may spark factional fighting

By Jonathan Wright

BEIRUT — Lebanon is due for a change of president this year but political sources say divisions between the country's main factions could turn the exercise into a severe test of Lebanese constitutional procedure.

There is so far no sign that the strongest parties will agree on a candidate by September, when the six-year mandate of current President Elias Sarkis comes to an end. Many fear they will resort to violence to back their rival claims. Only a constitutional amendment would make it possible for Sarkis to stand again but he is reported unwilling to seek a second term anyway.

Just as Lebanon is divided physically along lines established in the civil war of 1975-76, so the various factions differ on the kind of president they want to see in office. Legally a successful candidate must win the support of at least 50 out of Lebanon's 94 parliamentary deputies. In practice, he will also need clearance from the two most powerful forces on the ground.

Those are the mainly-Maronite Christian Phalangist Party, which runs a semi-autonomous area from east Beirut to Batroun in the north, and the leftist National Movement, which is allied with

Syria.

A 30,000-strong all-Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF), sent to Lebanon in 1976 under an Arab League mandate, handles security in other areas. The Phalangists and the Syrians have been at odds, if not at open war, since 1978.

Last year, Syrian forces besieged the town of Zahle in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley after an apparent attempt by the Phalangists to extend their territorial enclave. An Arab League committee succeeded in negotiating a disengagement but the two sides are still not speaking terms.

The tension is most obvious in Beirut, where the Phalangists periodically exchange fire with the Syrians and a host of leftist militias in the area separating east and west Beirut.

Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan and many other politicians say the run-up to the elections could spark off another round of factional fighting as the parties jockey for position. "Fears of a security explosion are justified wherever issues arise which cannot be settled by dialogue... They are particularly justified in connection with the presidential elections," the prime minister said in a recent interview.

Sarkis, a Maronite as all Lebanese presidents must be, came to office under violent circum-

stances. His election took place in the midst of civil war and deputies ducked bullets as they left the parliament building where the vote was held.

The worst possible outcome, in Wazzan's view, would be constitutional deadlock and an accelerating drift toward more permanent partition. According to Amin Gemayel, a member of the Phalangist Politburo, "Failure to agree on a president would deal a fatal blow to the future of Lebanon."

Other Phalangist Party officials say the last kind of president they want is a "colorless, tasteless, meaningless one" who could only manage the divisions in Lebanese political life without offering solutions. The phrase is intended as an oblique reference to Sarkis, who in the Phalangist view has failed his country by not demanding a Syrian military withdrawal.

It also appears to rule out the moderate Maronite politicians whose names have been floated as possible compromise candidates for the presidency. The Phalangist officials say they may even nominate Bashir Gemayel, commander of the right-wing "Lebanese Forces" in the civil war and totally unacceptable to the National Movement.

But Wazzan has said "any attempt to bring extremists to the office of president would be a cause of violence and would never be successful."

The National Movement, a coalition of 13 leftist and Muslim groups, has for its part "indicated it could not accept a candidate who does not embody its views of what Lebanon should be — secular, left-of-center and committed to the Palestinian and Arab causes."

Possible nominees include Sleiman Franjeh, Sarkis' predecessor, who proclaimed support for the Syrians after his departure from office, and Raymond Eddé, who challenged Sarkis in 1976, was shot at twice and has lived in exile in Paris ever since.

Politicians of all shades of opinion do at least agree that without a political deal by September, the election of a new president will prove almost impossible. In that case, according to Lebanese constitutional expert Edmond Rabbath, the incumbent president must continue to carry out his functions until parliament can agree on a replacement.

That would make Sarkis a mere caretaker president, with even less authority than he has now to help Lebanon recover from seven years of bloodshed and destruction. (R)

TPLF fights for Tigray's independence

Special to Arab News

For the past seven years, one people in Tigray have been struggling for their right to self-determination. The Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), supported by the people, has been able to liberate more than 85 percent of Tigray, which lies in the northern part of Ethiopia and has a population of five millions.

The TPLF is fighting for the self-determination of the people of Tigray. Self-determination does not merely mean secession or unity for the sake of unity. The TPLF is not against the voluntary unity of the five million Tigrayans with other nations and nationalities in Ethiopia. However, in the absence of democracy, and faced with a degrading economic and social life, Tigrayans were left with no choice but to fight for an independent and democratic republic of Tigray.

At present, the Ethiopian troops in Tigray are

relegated to a few towns along the main road. Leaving alone the control of the countryside of Tigray, it is even difficult for them to move safely from one town to the other. In the vast areas under the TPLF's control, administrative branches have been established. The TPLF has been providing social services to the people. Thirty clinics have been built in the past 18 months. Since October 1981, 35 schools have been operating and a massive literacy campaign is underway.

In order to reverse the development of the TPLF and suppress the aspirations of the people, the Ethiopian regime has so far launched six big military campaigns against the TPLF. The sixth campaign, mounted last year, was the biggest of all. In this campaign, 40,000 to 50,000 troops, spearheaded by a specially trained ranger division, supported by MI-24 helicopter gunships, MiG fighters, tanks, heavy artillery and advised by Rus-

sian officers were deployed. After five months of fierce fighting, the campaign ended in complete failure with the Ethiopian troops suffering heavy material and human losses, according to the TPLF. Again at present, the Ethiopian regime is preparing for another big military campaign in Tigray and Eritrea. However, the TPLF is confident that like previous clashes, the new campaign will fail.

The TPLF, an emerging force in the Horn of Africa, enjoys the support of an overwhelming majority of the people. In the last two years alone, it has more than doubled its forces and expanded its areas of operations. After consolidating its position in Tigray, it has even begun attacking Ethiopian military garrisons beyond Tigray, in the Wollo province. From the end of November up to the end of December 1981 in Tselemti area (southwestern part of Tigray) it has killed and wounded over 850 Ethiopian soldiers while 952 Ethiopian militiamen have joined the TPLF. Because of low morale, and internal contradictions, Ethiopian soldiers defect to the TPLF.

In order to show the world that the situation is under its control, the Ethiopian regime has launched a diplomatic offensive. It often invites journalists, representatives of governments and institutions, entertains them and takes them to pre-arranged areas. The situation in those areas does not reflect the actual conditions in most of the countryside in Ethiopia. The visitors can falsely be led to believe that the situation is under the control of the regime. However, the TPLF says the real situation is far from that. Nearly 80 percent of the Ethiopian people are engaged in armed or political struggles. Excluding Eritrea, the peoples of Tigray, Oromia and Ogaden are fighting for self-determination. According to the TPLF, people living in cities and towns under control of the Ethiopian regime suffer from fears and insecurity. The Ethiopian regime, which lacks a popular base, survives on force of arms and massive external support.

Letter to the editor

Words and Deeds

Sir, Jean Kirkpatrick, the American ambassador to the U.N., in her television interview recently said that "the world group was an organization given to unparalleled name-calling and hypocrisy" (I recall your editorial of Jan. 16, 1982 and express my congratulations for your bold comment). This is not hyperbolic, but has to be taken literally.

It is timely to think at least at the present world situation how the U.N. happens to be so. The formation of such a world body was meant to create an atmosphere of cooperation to get equal rights and justice to all mankind. We all can say these in theory, but in practice, the U.N. has become a forum of superpowers. They are decision-makers. If a particular resolution is not to their favor, they use their

special weapon "veto" to keep up their interest. Mrs. Kirkpatrick went on to say that "the U.S. is ignored, despised and reviled in the U.N. as a result of wrong tactics on most issues adopted for decades." Can we take it as a lamentation of the U.S. ambassador? Let her take time to think what she has done when the resolution on Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights was submitted to the Security Council.

Preaching is easy, practicing is difficult. One can make eloquent speeches with a talent and good command in the language. Her statement would have been much appreciated had she shown the courage to put her ideals into practice.

Yours sincerely,
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TIMES IN TROUBLE AGAIN

Few newspapers in the world can claim a past as illusory as that of the London *Times*. In the era when the sun was said never to set on British possessions, *The Times* played the role of spokesman for the imperialist ideal. Its articles and reports at that time did not merely report history, it made it.

Those days are now no more. In the past 25 years the story of *The Times* has been a series of crises. The paper could never pay for itself, and like the country, took a long time finding a role for itself after the empire was gone. It was bailed out at the time by the Canadian publisher Lord Thompson, who succeeded in buying it after a long and hard battle.

The paper, however, kept losing money, and after Lord Thompson's death, his son decided to sell it. This came after a long strike whose effects on the paper are still felt. The present owner is the Australian publisher Robert Murdoch, who is now saying that unless 600 jobs are shed from the organization, he will have to close it down.

The trade unions involved have expressed readiness to talk to management over the issue. The feeling is that the owner's threat was not to be taken lightly, and that unless an agreement between the two sides was quickly reached many more jobs than the 600 under threat will be lost.

Saudi Arabian press review

The outcome of the Manama meeting of the foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), the situation in southern Lebanon and the negative stance of some Islamic countries in the U.N. General Assembly debate on imposing sanctions against Israel for its annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights figured for editorial comment, in Tuesday's newspapers.

Other said the final communiqué issued by the ministers in Manama last Sunday had set the broadlines of the Gulf unified action and policy toward Gulf, Arab, Islamic and international issues. It underlined the assertion of the ministers that the security and stability of the Gulf are the sole collective responsibility of the Gulf states.

The paper praised the communiqué which pinpointed the abortive Iranian-backed coup against Bahrain which had prompted the GCC states to work out a joint strategy for curbing such destructive designs by Iran to destabilize the area.

Referring to the GCC call to the Arab states to solve their differences and unify their ranks, the paper noted that achieving this goal will give the Arabs and Islamic states a better momentum and strength to defend their issues

at international forums. "This will also enable the Arab and Islamic world to devote their efforts to face the challenges of Israel, the main disturbing factor in the Mideast," the paper added.

Al-Bid said the GCC's final communiqué had defined the strategic dimensions of the joint Gulf moves for facing any assaults or violations against the independence and sovereignty of the region's nations. "Unity, coherence, stability and solidarity enjoyed by the Gulf peoples are true guarantees against any foreign conspiracies or designs aimed at blocking the path of progress and welfare of the region," it added.

Regretting the abstention of three Islamic states — Egypt, Turkey and Gabon — during the U.N. vote on imposing punitive sanctions on Israel, *Al-Madina* said "It is painful to receive a stab in the back from brotherly states with a common faith and history."

The paper expressed its sorrow for the continued U.S. support for Israel and added that "Israel would not have the courage to undertake its aggressive behavior and challenge international bodies had it not been for the blind support and partiality of the United States." (SPA)



1981s best directors, actors await decisions by Oscar awards judges

By Bob Thomas

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — At this time of year in the film community, hearts are filled with hope, expectation, and no small amount of self-delusion.

It's Academy nomination time — the results will be announced Thursday. The news will bring an end to a number of futile campaigns for Oscar recognition. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent on trade paper ads, theater bookings, special screenings and other efforts to win the attention of the 4,000 voters of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences.

It's a legitimate endeavor, and often neces-

sary in order to call attention to worthy films from independent producers who lack the publicity mills of the major studios. But too often it is wasted money, poured down the drain because of galloping ego.

By now, the legitimate contenders to the Academy nominations are fairly predictable. The awards of the New York and Los Angeles critics give some indication, although they often cite the esoteric. The Golden Globes provide further evidence, but the foreign correspondents are subject to eccentricities — example: Pia Zadora as new star of the year for the unreleased *Butterfly*.

One of the most reliable weather-vanes is the Directors Guild nominations. They often

coincide with the Academy nominations for best direction; only twice has the Oscar winner differed from the Guild's choice.

The Directors Guild nominations for 1981 achievement: Warren Beatty, *Reds*; Hugh Hudson, *Chariots of Fire*; Louis Malle, *Atlantic City*; Mark Rydell, *On Golden Pond*; Steven Spielberg, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*.

Other directors who can be considered contenders for the academy nominations: Sidney Lumet, *Prince of the City*; Sydney Pollack, *Absence of Malice*; Steve Gordon, *Arthur*; Mito Forman, *Ragtime*; Peter Weir, *Gallipoli*.

The major contenders for the best picture nomination correspond to the directorial choices: *On Golden Pond*, *Reds*, *Chariots of Fire*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Atlantic City*, plus *Arthur*, *Prince of the City*, *Ragtime*, *Gallipoli*, *Four Seasons*.

Two veteran stars lead the contest for best actor: Henry Fonda for *On Golden Pond* and Burt Lancaster for *Atlantic City*. They are followed by Warren Beatty, *Reds*; Dudley Moore, *Arthur*; Timothy Hutton, *Taps*; plus Richard Dreyfus, *Whose Life Is It Anyway?*; Paul Neenan, *Absence of Malice*; Treat Williams, *Prince of the City*; Robert Deniro, *True Confessions*; James Cagney, *Ragtime*.

The probabilities for best actress provide a contrast: Meryl Streep, *The French Lieutenant's Woman*; Katharine Hepburn, *On Golden Pond*; Diane Keaton, *Reds*; Bernadette Peters, *Pennies from Heaven*; Sally Field, *Absence of Malice*; plus Sissy Spacek, *Ragtime*; Marsha Mason, *Only When I Laugh*; Faye Dunaway, *Monterey*.

The races for supporting players are always more difficult to predict. Here are the probable, more or less in declining order:

Supporting actor — John Gielgud, *Arthur*; Jack Nicholson, *Reds*; James Coco, *Only When I Laugh*; Harold E. Rollins, *Ragtime*; Jerry Orbach, *Prince of the City*; Jack Weston, *Four Seasons*; Robert Preston, *S.O.B.*; Dabney Coleman, *On Golden Pond*; Richard Mulligan, *S.O.B.*; John Cassavetes, *Whose Life Is It Anyway?*

Supporting actress — Jane Fonda, *On Golden Pond*; Maureen Stapleton, *Reds*; Melinda Dillon, *Absence of Malice*; Kristy McNichol, *Only When I Laugh*; Joan Hackett, *Only When I Laugh*; Candice Bergen, *Rich and Famous*; Susan Sarandon, *Atlantic City*; Sandy Dennis, *Four Seasons*; Jessica Harper, *Pennies from Heaven*.

Malaria deaths increasing, new strains resist drugs

By Alastair Matheson

NAIROBI—Malaria, for so long the scourge of the tropics, is not only making a dramatic comeback in at least 100 countries in the Third World, but is appearing in new and deadlier forms that are resistant to ordinary anti-malarial drugs. Their victims are chiefly young children and pregnant women.

The speed at which the new strains can kill was highlighted recently by the death of the young daughter of a Ugandan Cabinet minister. After developing a high fever she was rushed to a Kampala hospital where a team of Cuban doctors tried to save her life. When they found they could not check the rapid deterioration in her condition they took her to some Russian medical colleagues. Despite desperate efforts to save her life, the minister's daughter was dead in less than 24 hours after developing the fever.

The newer strains of malaria, which have a far higher fatality rate than the older ones, are believed responsible for the death of one million African children. The former strain would lie dormant in the liver for years, causing recurrent bouts at intervals which would be debilitating to most victims but seldom fatal.

By contrast, the newer strains invade the red blood cells, causing total congestion in internal organs which brings about rapid death.

Experts monitoring the rapidly-escalating problem have warned the United Nations Environment Program, which has its world headquarters here in Kenya, that these new strains of malaria could become the gravest health hazard in the Third World in the next decade.

Many scientists believe that the massive use of chemicals, including DDT, to kill crop pests as well as disease-carrying insects is responsible for the emergence of drug-resistant strains of malaria parasites. This has been denied by both World Health Organization officials and the Food and Agricultural Organization.

A team of American scientists is now trying to develop a vaccine to give permanent immunity against the disease, but the work is still at an experimental stage. The vaccine is based on the use of salivary glands taken from the female malaria-carrying anopheles mosquito.

During the 1960s, WHO had hoped to completely eradicate malaria.

The campaign was moderately successful: malaria ceased to be regarded as a major health hazard.

In the 1970s, however, the number of malaria victims began to rise steeply again, not only in Africa but throughout the tropics. Between 1972 and 1976, the number of cases actually doubled and in 1977-78 there were 800 million infections world wide and more than one million deaths from malaria.

Tasting can be a delight

There's more to tea than drinking, social, traditional aspects evident

By Liliann Lin

TAIPEI (CNA) — "Have a cup of tea." Serving a distinguished guest with a cup of good tea is a typical Chinese way to express hospitality.

Since Emperor Shen Nung of China discovered the use of tea some 4,700 years ago, according to legend, tea has been associated with ancient China, the empire of grandeur and mystery.

The custom of tea drinking and serving tea to guests was first mentioned in a book written some 2,050 years ago in the Han dynasty (206 B.C.-219 A.D.). It is known, however, that tea drinking became closely related to the everyday life of Chinese in the Tang dynasty (618 — 907 A.D.), especially after the issuing of *The Art of Tea Drinking* by Lu Yu. Lu's book offers a thorough introduction to the drinking. He not only gave a clear picture of tea processing, but also graded the quality of various tea leaves. Most of all, he

suggested how to appreciate a cup of good tea: proper preparation, the correct application of utensils, and enjoying the serene atmosphere.

The tea ceremony is a tourist attraction in Japan. While enjoying the tea in an exquisite little cup, many tend to forget the origin of the tea ceremony. Tea drinking as a custom spread to Japan and other countries in the Orient in the Tang dynasty. The Japanese further glorified the art of tea drinking by creatively adapting the ceremony and making it a cult in the 15th century.

In the meantime, tea drinking in China gradually varied as a custom in different parts of the country due to the transition of dynasties and expansion of the nation's territory.

As time went by, people of various provinces in China developed their own unique ways in the treatment of tea. For many, tea may be only a favorite beverage. For some, tea is something more than a beverage. It can signify a tradition.

The Hakkas, for example, still consider serving tea an important program in an arranged meeting between a girl and her prospective mate. The relatives of the man will observe the poise and bearing of the girl through the way she serves the tea. Thus, every Hakka girl is supposed to be familiar with the way to prepare a cup of good tea.

This assumption is not necessarily true in the Chinese society today as marriage is not always arranged by parents. On the other hand, the tea ceremony has become a pastime for many, who are interested in collecting tea utensils, preparing tea, and tasting the flavor and the slightly bitter taste.

These people intend to revive the glory of China as the inventor of tea, by organizing a society with the participation of interested people who maintain knowledge in tea.

A special contest in tea serving was held last December and there were women as well as men participating in the contest. The process of the contest seemed very simple. Each participant was required to prepare a cup of tea with the water, tea leaves, and utensils available. The judges evaluated the performance of each by tasting the tea, watching participants perform their skills, and observing the color of the tea.

An expert revealed that a cup of good tea should be prepared with pottery, and water from a spring or a deep well is preferred to tap water.

A well-used ceramic tea pot is said to be especially good in preparing tea because the tea pot has absorbed the flavor each time it has been used.

A story about an old tea pot says that a rich landlord once visited the humble shelter of a poor woman. He found an old tea pot which was stained by the tea. The rich man recognized the value of the old pot and paid the poor old lady abundant money to buy the pot. He told the old woman that he would come to pick up the pot the next day. The old woman, overwhelmed by the fact that the ugly old pot could be sold at such a good price, felt that she was obliged to clean it up before presenting it to its new owner.

The rich man was stunned when the shining little valuable stains for which he had paid so much were gone.

People can observe the poise of a young girl through the way she serves tea, and from drinking tea, the character and personality of any person can also be revealed. Having some knowledge of this, the teaching of proper manner in tea drinking is one of the objectives of the Chung Hwa Tea Drinking Society.

The Republic of China is an important exporter of tea. And by exporting this product that demands much from its consumers this nation should introduce the art of tea drinking to people all over the world.

In the past few years, several tea houses with the traditional Chinese touch have been set up in Taipei. Tea tasting can be a delight in a tea house decorated with Chinese paintings and scrolls of calligraphy, while beautiful hostess wearing traditional Chinese costumes play the Chinese musical instruments.

Many tea dealers also serve their customers with the best varieties of tea and instruct them on the proper way to prepare the leafy libation.

People here are coming to a new acknowledgement of tea drinking and learning to appreciate it as an art.



TEA TASTING: An old Chinese gentleman prepares tea for traditional tasting.



METRO MANILA: Two decades ago, the Ayuda Avenue suburb of Manila was marshland. Commercially it is the Philippines nerve center housing the offices of many multinational companies, banks, the stock exchange, hotels and shopping malls.

Work begun on Manila railway system, city traffic clogged by construction

By Paul Icamana

MANILA (DN) — It wasn't a very nice greeting in the middle of December, but Metro Manila mayors and their key officials have been ordered to help direct traffic.

The First Lady and Metro Manila Governor Imelda Marcos ordered her vice governor, 17 mayors and their key officials to do traffic duty early in the morning and after 5 p.m. when traffic is usually at its peak. Like policemen, they were authorized to apprehend traffic violators.

Just like the other huge cities of Asia, Manila has had its share of crawling, seemingly immovable traffic. The city's main artery — always a nightmare with 1.5 million passenger trips a day — is getting strangled. Pockets on both sides of Taft Avenue have been squeezed down to one lane, gangs of construction workers busy on the side. The construction will soon begin across the Pasig River, north through Rizal Avenue. Already, one stretch is totally closed to traffic.

From near the new Manila International Airport in Parañaque, 15 kilometers north to the Bonifacio Monument in Caloocan, construction has started on the bridge for Manila's first Light Railway Transit (LRT) construction and traffic are on a head-on collision course and this spells trouble.

When finished, LRT cars will run on double-tracks built 14 feet above the street. There will be three main terminals: at the start and at the end and midway, in the heart of Manila itself. About 650 meters from each other, 16 on-line stations will be built in between. A total of 34 two-car trains — with about 750 passengers capacity each — will be fielded when the LRT becomes fully operational in 1985. Three-car trains are planned by 1993.

Running on both directions, the LRT will transport 40,000 commuters per hour, or 320,000 passengers on an eight-hour shift. Every two minutes a train will leave a station at some point in either direction. Today a crawling hour-and-half at the least in heavy traffic, the Parañaque-Caloocan trip will take about 30 minutes by LRT. And there are plans to branch out to other districts.

Since the LRT plan was made public in 1979, for-hire drivers have gotten off their jeeps to protest, sometimes even with a bit of stone-throwing late last year. They feel threatened by the new competition and, more frightening to them, be driven off the main roads. The 1 peso (12 cent) Parañaque-Caloocan LRT fare also looks more attractive to inflation-pinched commuters.

In 1979, there were 27,000 jeepneys in Metro Manila, equal to the number of buses throughout the country at that time. More are presumably on the streets today.

But it's not only jeepney drivers who are grumbling. So are apprehensive storeowners along Rizal Avenue, one of the Manila's busiest commercial centers. They believe the value of their properties, rented or sold at a "premium" before will plunge down and never recover. An LRT official concedes business "may fluctuate temporarily when we start constructing the overhead tracks which may take about six months."

A one-year old eight-story department store (reportedly worth at least 16 million pesos (\$2 million) and employing 500 workers, a hotel, and half of a university building will have to give way. The government recently approved the release of 2 million pesos (\$247,000) to pay for houses affected at a housing area at the other end of the line, in Pasay city.

While at one end workers are busy setting up the first pylons, the traffic mess at other parts of Taft Avenue, is due to the relocation of sewer pipes so far. Some residents shudder as to how traffic will be when construction starts for the LRT bridge.

Basically, it's a problem of too little roads and too many vehicles. Or too many private cars and no sensible mass transportation. Whatever, traffic has always been a problem here, and it's getting worse.

Manila is only next to Jakarta in terms of the largest population in Southeast Asia. Metro Manila is dense on the east side but rather light in other parts. The most congested part holds 100,000 people inside 48 hectares, or 1,500 persons per square kilometer. But it's worse here where there are more movements between homes and work.

It is estimated that almost two liters of gasoline are wasted everyday just crawling along traffic jams. At 1979 prices — at half a million cars — that was 3 million pesos (\$370,000) a day, or 1.095 million pesos (\$135 million) a year.

Easily out of 10 vehicles during traffic peak hours are private cars carrying, on the average, two out of 10 passengers on the road. In turn, the public is jammed into a mere 20 percent of the vehicles. One government official even says that "if you get rid of half of these private cars, you will have solved the congestion problem."

Lately, the government has been trying to make some sense out of the mess. Last year, computerized traffic lights were installed to automatically count vehicles in busy intersections and control traffic movement in "waves."

Authorities are trying to separate major intersections by space. Huge interchanges have been built in four places, and flyovers over two major thoroughfares. They are all part of the Metro Manila Urban Development Project. The World Bank is investing 32 million pesos (\$4 million), for instance, on the traffic lights, with the Philippines providing a 50 percent counterpart fund.

The World Bank is also funding the improvement of sidewalks in order to encourage walking and improve the geometric design of intersections. All for the expected 15 million passenger trips a day expected in 1985.

The LRT is Belgian in design and technology. Because of the numerous intersections along the planned route, a study completed in three months recommended an over-the-street version worth 2 billion pesos (\$247 million) or 134 million pesos (\$16.5 million) per kilometer. An earlier study recommended a street level LRT worth 1.5 billion pesos (\$185 million).

It is already estimated that after its first year of operations in 1984, the LRT system will have a net deficit of 216 million pesos (\$27 million). Government subsidy will make it viable until 1993 when it is expected to become self-earning.



HITCH-HIKING: Jack-the-Jackdaw is the constant companion of 10-year-old Wayne Mount of Faversham, Kent. The friendly bird even goes to school with Wayne on the bus (preferring to ride on the mirror), and is very popular with the whole class.

As Tanner coasts thru Alexander upsets Gottfried

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb. 9 (AP) — As the rain pounded on the roof of the tennis stadium, Roscoe Tanner pounded serves and lofted lobs past Mike Cahill to win 6-4, 7-5 in first round action of the \$250,000 U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championships Monday night.

It was no surprise that Tanner, well known for his hulk serves beat Cahill in his services games, but his deft touch on the lobs clearly befuddled Cahill.

"Mike gets close to the net so that you have to find a way to back him up," the 7th seeded Tanner said. "I was just trying to open up some passing lanes by backing him up, but those lobs in themselves won be some big points."

Tanner said he started slowly in the match, partly because he was trying to get used to the surface at the Racquet Club. "It was having some trouble seeing the ball," he said. "I remember last year, I took me a few days to get where I could see the ball, I guess that happened again Monday." Tanner reached the final of last year's tournament, losing to Gene Mayer.

Top-seeded John McEnroe, who lost in the first round at Memphis a year ago, will not play his first match until Tuesday night when he is paired against Tim Wilkon. Australia's John Alexander scored the first upset of the tournament Monday afternoon when he knocked off ninth-seeded Brian Gottfried, 6-3, 7-6, 7-4.

After eliminating Gottfried from competition Monday afternoon, Alexander said he was surprised at the result. "If I had to bet prior to the match, I might not have bet on myself," Alexander said. "We have this beautiful computer that tells us how good we are, and Brian's ranked 18th and I'm 60th so you have to figure that he's going to win."

McEnroe's poor performance last year was blamed on fatigue and jet lag resulting from his trip from Australia just two days before the 1981 tournament. This year, McEnroe is coming to Memphis from Toronto, where he lost to second-ranked Ivan Lendl in four sets, so the tournament organizers are hoping he will be well-rested when he steps on to the court Tuesday night.

Lendl, who has the hottest winning streak in tennis, is not entered in the U.S. Nationals. In early action Monday, seeded players had little problem in eliminating unseeded entries. Sixth-seeded Yannick Noah knocked off fellow-Frenchman Thierry Tulasne 6-1, 6-2, No. 8 Johan Kriek dropped Pat Dupre 6-4, 6-3, and No. 10 Hank Pfister defeated Peter Fleming 7-6, 6-4.

There were victories for the Mayer brothers, Sandy, who made the semifinals of the United Bank Classic recently, struggled past newcomer Andy Andrews of United States 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, while holder Gene cruised past Jeff Borowiak 6-4, 6-2.



Roscoe Tanner...deft display

Piatek, Kohde advance

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 9 (AP) — Mary Lou Piatek and Andrea Leand of the United States and West Germany's Claudia Kohde scored opening-round tennis victories Monday at the third annual Avon Championship Tournament.

Piatek battled from behind twice to defeat Brazil's Pat Medrado 6-1, 6-4. Leand disposed of Sandy Collins, of Odessa, Texas, 6-0, 6-2. Piatek will meet the winner of Tuesday's match between fourth-seeded Virginia Ruzici and England's Sue Barker.

Kohde had an easy time defeating former doubles partner and fellow West German Eva Pfaff, 6-2, 6-1. She will face top-seeded and second-ranked Martina Navratilova Thursday evening. Last year, Kohde defeated Navratilova in the first round of the Avon Tournament of Oakland.

Kohde completely overwhelmed her opponent Monday, rolling up 12 straight points in the opening set and another seven straight in the second set. Pfaff, who will be 21 Saturday, won only the sixth game of the first set and the fifth game of the second set. "Over 35" tourney

Meanwhile, eight of the world's all-time tennis greats have been signed to compete in a tournament at the Sun City, in Bophuthatswana, next month, by the resort's

New look Jeddah XV keeps record clean

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — A new-look Jeddah XV staged a brilliant rally to prevail over Taif 14-8 in a closely-contested rugby match at the Benson and Hedges Park last Thursday.

With the selectors experimenting with new players in a first team game and the strong wind making conditions difficult — leading to many handling errors on both sides — the Jeddah XV managed to keep its record clean, but not without a few anxious moments. Taif led 8-6 at half-time, but after the interval it was Jeddah all the way.

Jeddah opened the scoring after 20 minutes play when for once the ball did move smoothly along the line to Keith Pollinger, who showed that despite his extended lay off

English soccer wilts under weight of liabilities

LONDON, Feb. 9, (R) — English soccer is finally floundering in the financial crisis that has appeared imminent for the past decade.

The warnings have been manyfold. Two years ago the late Alan Hardaker, then secretary of the English league, predicted: "If we don't do something soon the professional game as we know it will collapse in the next five or 10 years."

Last week Bristol City, two seasons ago a First Division side, stayed in business only when eight players agreed that their contract worth 290,000 sterling (\$550,000) be torn up. Its tottering financial state is shared by a number of clubs in the lower divisions and while none of the major clubs are quite so near the brink, the danger signs are flashing past. Even mighty Liverpool, champions of

Europe, have admitted that its income is failing to match outgoings.

One estimate of the English league's finances puts assets at 22 million sterling (\$42 million) and liabilities at close to 50 million sterling (\$95 million). They are figures, "that make the Polish economy look rosy," declared one commentator. Perhaps the most alarming aspect of this sorry state of affairs is that while no one is denying there is a crisis, there is wide disagreement about the reasons for it and consequently no sign of a rescue plan with broadly based support.

Among the favorite reasons are excessive wage demands, an uncontrolled and uncontrollable transfer system, falling attendances and the league's failure to respond to social changes. Keith Burkinshaw, manager of Tot-

tenham Hotspur, home of Argentine World Cup players Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa, prefers the view that wages are too high and has spoken of "greed and self interest" among leading players.

Regardless of whether Burkinshaw is right or wrong, there is no denying the tremendous burden wages place on a club. Successful First Division side Ipswich Town paid out more than one million sterling (\$2 million) in wages last season which surpassed the previous season's total expenditure.

Gordon Taylor, secretary of the Players' Union, thinks that blaming wages amounts to passing the buck and believes a degree of stability would return if transfer fees were regulated. "The league should not allow clubs to buy players if they haven't actually

got the money," he says.

Getting that money depends on enticing the public to pay to watch matches, and here clubs appear to be fighting a losing battle. Aggregate attendance at a season's matches is about to dip below 20 million for the first time since World War II. The contributory factors range from poor entertainment from defense-minded teams to crowd violence which is part of a wider social problem. Also the 92-club English league is a monolithic structure erected at a time when the aspirations and needs of the population were very different from those of today.

English soccer in 1982 presents the unhappy image of an ailing patient waiting to be operated on while the surgeons argue over what the X-rays mean.

MBE award bestowed on Coe

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AFP) — Olympic gold medalist and triple world record holder Sebastian Coe received the MBE (Member of the British Empire) Tuesday from the Queen, at Buckingham Palace, and said afterwards, "It's just tremendous."

Coe, 25, who was accompanied by his parents, Angela and Peter Coe, continued, "It's nice to be recognized. This is outside sport, and therefore must rank even higher than an Olympic gold medal."

He also had good news for his many admirers. A stress fracture in his foot has stopped him running for several weeks, but Tuesday he said, "I hope to be back in training in few days. He holds the 800 meters, 1,000 meters and mile world records."

Off to America Wednesday to give a lecture at Yale University, he added that he had a cosy afternoon ahead of him. "I suppose I might manage a celebratory glass of orange juice." But although he has been off the track for a while he has been busy.

FISA cancels Grand Prix

PARIS, Feb. 9 (AP) — The Argentine Grand Prix, second round of the World Drivers Championship scheduled for Buenos Aires March 7, was formally canceled Tuesday by the International Auto Sport Federation (FISA).

FISA said in a communique the race was being withdrawn from the calendar, indicating it had rejected an Argentine request to reschedule it later in the year. Spain has applied for a Grand Prix at the Jarama circuit, near Madrid, June 27, during the World Football Cup, but FISA did not say if it would replace the Argentine event.

Discussions are reported to be continued to save the Brazilian race, set for March 21, which usually shares the heavy costs of transporting the Grand Prix teams to South

America. Although the Argentine organizers had cited the current dispute between FISA and the Grand Prix drivers as a reason for postponing their race, the basic reason was financial problems. And with the FISA limiting to a maximum 16 Grand Prix each year and many applicants for sites, the future of the Argentine Grand Prix looked doubtful.

The ruling body also attacked "the bad will of certain constructors" during its attempt to save the Argentine race. They were not named, but racing sources said Renault and Ferrari did not attend a meeting in southern France last weekend with FISA President Jean-Marie Balestre, FOCA President Bernard Ecclestone and other team owners on the subject.

Knight bags double crown

BOMBAY, India, Feb. 9 (AP) — Top seeds Atanda Musa of Nigeria and Carole Knight of England Tuesday won the men's and women's singles titles at the sixth Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships here.

Knight rallied smartly to edge Alison Gordon, also of England, 13-21, 21-12, 25-23 in an exciting final, while Musa whipped Canadian Zoran Kosanovic 21-17, 21-23, 21-14, 21-19 to capture the men's crown.

Kosanovic, seeded No. 6, had to fight hard to edge leading Indian player Venugopal Chandrasekhar 23-21, 13-21, 19-21, 21-0, 21-14 in the semifinals. The Indian often baffled Kosanovic with his topspin, but lost his concentration at crucial moments in the match. On Monday, Chandrasekhar had upset No. 2 seed Paul Day of England in straight games.

Tourney favorite Musa bested Manjit Dua of India in straight games: Dua put up a valiant fight in the first game before losing 19-21. The next two games Dua, however, surrendered tamely.

Meanwhile, England lifted the women's doubles crown Tuesday when its top-seeded

pair, Carole Knight and Joy Grundy, came from behind to defeat Indians Indu Puri and Vyoma Shah 19-21, 21-13, 21-23, 21-14, 21-11 in a thrilling final.

England — winner of the men's and women's team events last week — also captured the mixed doubles title Tuesday. Grundy teamed with Nigel Eekersley to whip Canadians Mariann Domonkos and Kosanovic 21-13, 27-25, 21-13.

Nigeria's Sunday Eboh and Musa, the only seeded pair to reach the finals, thrashed Kosanovic and Gideon Joe NG 23-21, 21-17, 21-14 to lift the men's doubles cup Tuesday.

Two groups drawn in Hutaimi cricket

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — Fourteen teams have been clubbed into two groups as the draw for the second Hutaimi Bin Naher Cricket Tournament was finalized last Saturday.

Shalimar, Pak Jeddah, Trans Continental, Saudi Resin, J.C.C., Hashim and Indian Blues comprise Pool 'A', while Samco, Petromin, Iskender, Pak Young Al Qureshi, Parsons Yanbu and Bank Al-Jazira are in Group 'B' of the league-cum-knockout tournament scheduled to start on Feb. 19.

Beaumont calls it a day

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AFP) — England Rugby Union captain Billy Beaumont Tuesday announced his retirement because of a head injury sustained in a Counties' match two weeks ago.

Beaumont, 29, is the most successful England captain in the history of Rugby Union, captaining his side to the five nations grand slam in 1980. Only Monday he was named for his 35th cap against France in Paris on February 20. The Lancashire lock was knighted in the Queen's new year honors list this year.

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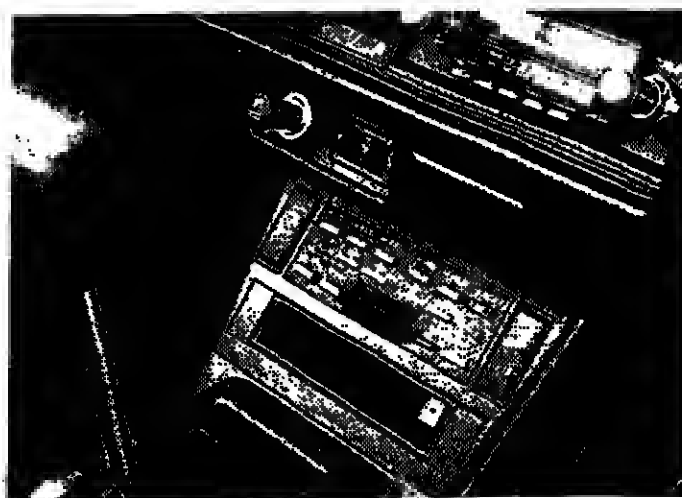
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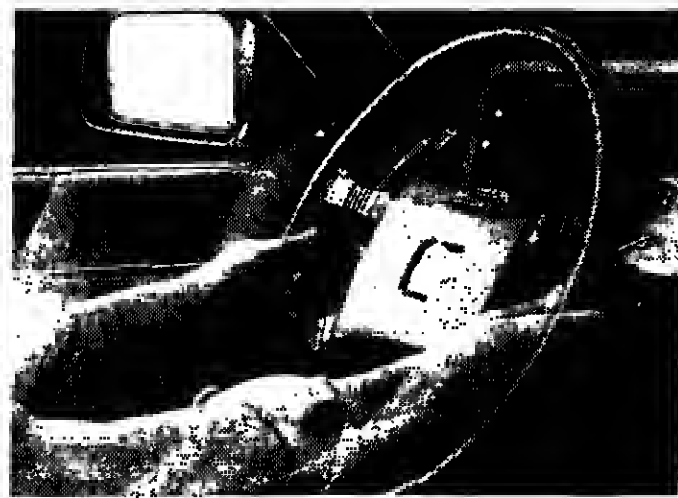
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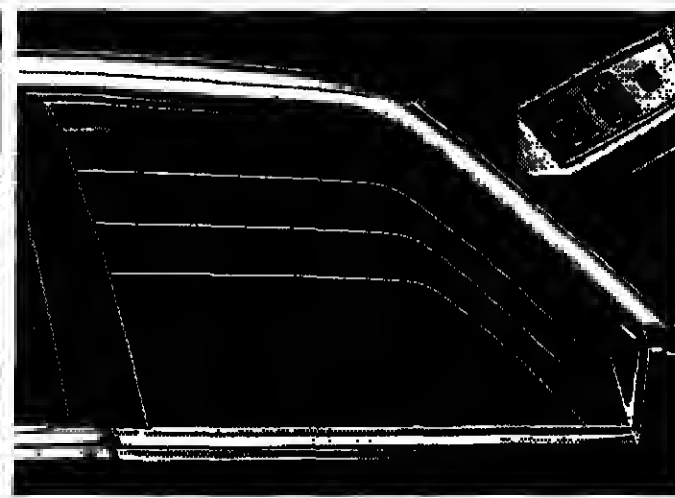
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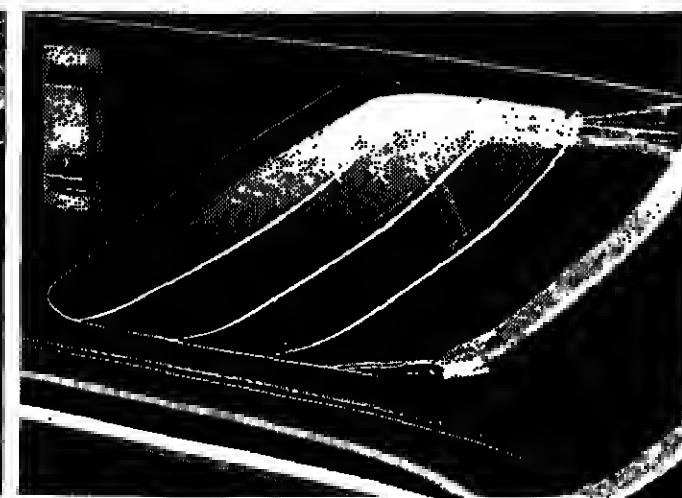
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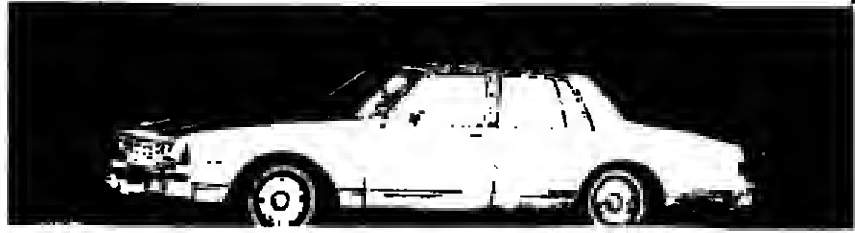
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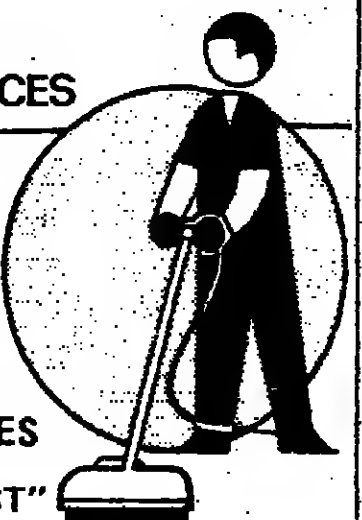
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Madrid conference breaks into heated procedural wrangle

MADRID, Feb. 9 (R) — The European Security Conference broke into a heated procedural wrangle Tuesday after U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and five other Western foreign ministers attacked the Polish martial law authorities.

Polish Deputy Foreign Minister Josef Wiczaj, holding the rotating chairmanship when the 35-nation talks reopened, tried to cut off debate while the Western onslaught was under way. Officials at the closed-door meeting reported strong objections from Western and neutral delegations when Wiczaj proposed a break until Friday. This would have left seven Western ministers unable to speak Tuesday, including French External Affairs Minister Claude Cheysson.

Haig, who had swapped places on the speakers' list to deliver his remarks immediately after Wiczaj, said the Soviet Union had "clearly nullified" its commitments by instigating and supporting what he called a ruthless campaign of oppression in Poland.

Austria, as leader of the eight-nation neutral and non-aligned group, demanded the session continue until it had heard all speakers who wished to make statements. Haig told the conference that for it to continue as usual while the oppression continues "would simply condone the massive violations" of the 1975 Helsinki Accords signed by 35 nations, including the Soviet Union and Poland.

"In neighboring Poland, the people now face a ruthless campaign of oppression, instigated and supported by the Soviet Union," Haig said. "These are not random

acts but systematic policy. Soviet acts have clearly nullified Soviet commitments."

Haig asked the conference: "How can the United States return to negotiations on new words and undertakings while existing obligations are being so blatantly ignored?" He said its deliberations should focus instead on the challenges to the "integrity" of the Helsinki Accords.

Canadian External Affairs Minister Mark MacGuigan, the first Western official to speak on Poland, told journalists Wiczaj left the podium to sit with his delegation during MacGuigan's speech — an act which the Canadian said he assumed was an expression of disapproval.

Wiczaj left a deputy, a Polish diplomat, to preside over the meeting, conference sources said. In a later speech from the floor, he condemned interference in Polish affairs and accused the U.S. of orchestrating a campaign against Poland, U.S. and NATO moves to raise Poland were also strongly attacked by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Leonid Il'yichov, the sources said.

Western and neutral diplomats said the 15-month-long meeting might be forced to adjourn within a few weeks because of tensions over the Polish crisis. The conference has been deadlocked over human rights and disarmament. Haig said U.S. efforts to build on the promise of the non-binding declarations of the Helsinki Agreement had been "overshadowed by ominous events in the heart of Europe itself," and called it a critical crossroads of history.

"A forcible suppression of the Polish

Jaruzelski says

Poland relying on West

LONDON, Feb. 9 (R) — Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski says his country is counting on "a positive approach" from Western states which have refrained from joining in economic sanctions against it.

Gen. Jaruzelski, speaking to a meeting of provincial officials in Warsaw Monday, said Poland was relying on further aid from Socialist countries to help strengthen some parts of the economy. He added: "We are also counting on a positive approach from those Third

Gunmen rescue cheese

CAEN, France, Feb. 9 (AFP) — A private army carrying guns and teargas grenades broke through picketing strikers at a dairy near here Monday night to rescue 700,000 cheese cakes.

The 125 workers at the dairy had planned to sell the cheese themselves claiming they had not been paid for January. They have been occupying the factory for a week to back demands for a shorter working week. But the dairy owner, backed by his armed guards, broke through the 30-man picket at midnight.

World countries sympathetic to us and from those capitalist states which have not joined in the economic blockade of Poland."

The general, whose speech was reported on Warsaw television and monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, said the United States hoped with sanctions to create dissatisfaction within Poland. Home Trade and Services Minister Zenon Komender told the same meeting that Poland's industrial output will fall by 10 percent in the first quarter of this year.

He blamed the likely fall on "insufficient supplies of raw materials, components and energy compounded by the shortage of hard currency," the official PAP news agency reported. He said there would only be enough meat deliveries to cover current rationing levels.

Deputy Interior Minister Boguslaw Stachura told the meeting that recent street clashes in the Baltic seaport of Gdansk were an isolated event provoked by "western subversive centers and their homelanded supporters."

Philippines air crash kills 6

MANILA, Feb. 9 (AP) — A chartered DC-3 plane carrying Japanese tourists and Filipino escorts crashed into a central Philippine mountain Tuesday and the Philippine news agency said six persons were killed.

Several persons were injured but an exact figure was not immediately available because of conflicting reports on the total number of persons including crewmen, aboard the plane. Officials of a Philippine company which sponsored the trip said the Philippine-registered plane carried 26 Japanese passengers, two Filipino guides and three crewmen. They said six of them were injured.

But PNA, quoting provincial authorities, said there were 36 passengers and crewmen aboard and 30 were injured. The plane, belonging to a private air company called "Trans Air crashed in thick clouds into a mountain in the coastal town of Pilar in Capiz province, Panay Island, about 360 kms southeast of Manila.

Edmond Sarroza, vice president of Sicogon



Alexander Haig

search for dignity in the work place, for freedom and for self-determination is under way," Haig said. "The generals of this war against the Polish people are none other than the Polish regime itself, acting under the instigation and coercion of the Soviet Union."

"How can these actions be reconciled with Polish and Soviet signatures on the Helsinki Accords?"

"Nothing endangers security and cooperation in Europe more than the threat and the use of force to deny internationally recognized rights," he said. "We would be threatening the future peace of Europe if we ignored this dramatic attack on international principles."

Before the conference reopened Tuesday morning, Haig conferred with Foreign Ministers Leo Tindemans of Belgium, Emilio Colombo of Italy, Claude Cheysson of France and Hans-Dietrich Genscher of West Germany.

Il'yichov delivered a fierce attack on U.S. and NATO moves to raise the Polish crisis as a major issue, conference sources reported. "The United States is undermining the very foundations of European stability," he said.

Germans claim fair share of defense burden

BONN, Feb. 9 (R) — West Germany has said its defense spending increased by a 3.4 percent in real terms last year and claimed the highest rate of increase for any NATO country except the United States.

Government spokesman Kurt Becker told a news conference the real spending rise, calculated according to NATO criteria, proved West Germany was bearing a fair share of the Western defense burden. Among European member countries of NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organization), only France achieved a comparable increase, he said.

The United States has been pressing its European allies to boost military spending. West Germany has already acknowledged that there will probably be no real rise in its military spending after inflation this year because of austerity budget measures.

West German defense spending in 1981 totaled 52.3 billion marks (\$22.2 billion) in 1981, Becker said.

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Island Corp, which sponsored the trip for the Japanese tourists, said "visibility was zero" when the twin-engine propeller-driven aircraft went down at about 11 a.m. (0300 GMT).

The Japanese came from Manila and were en route to Sicogon, an island with 40 hectares of virgin forest and an exclusive resort that offers windsurfing, scuba diving and mountain climbing attractions for foreign tourists, mostly Japanese. The plane went down less than 36 kms from Sicogon.

Japanese Embassy Consul Hajime Suzuki said reports received by the embassy from its sources indicated there were 34 persons aboard — 32 passengers and two crew. Based on information received by the embassy from Tokyo, "there were maybe 28 Japanese aboard" but this could not be confirmed Suzuki said.

He said reports reaching the embassy also indicated "many suffered serious injuries," but that the embassy had no information how many they were.

Lone driver shows up to foil U.K. rail shutdown

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AP) — A lone train driver broke ranks with 25,000 striking drivers and showed up for work Tuesday, allowing British rail to operate a limited service despite the 13th shutdown in the past four weeks.

But all other trains on the 11,000-mile (17,700-km) rail network were halted, and the morning commuter rush began before 5 a.m., even earlier than on previous strike days.

Police said main highways into London, which has about 1 million weekday commuters, were clogged by 6 a.m. and emergency parking lots were filled before sunrise. "It looks like another nightmare day," said a spokesman for the Royal Automobile Club.

Ray Buckton, leader of the striking Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers, delivered a fresh snub to

mediators trying to resolve the dispute over pay and productivity.

He said he would boycott a meeting by BR Chairman Sir Peter Parker and other officials with the Independent Advisor, Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

Buckton said through a spokesman he would meet instead with the union's executive committee plotting strategy for further rail disruptions.

BR operated a train along a 15-mile (24-km) route between Nottingham and Derby in northern England when an unidentified driver appeared for work. But officials said only two passengers were on the train because commuters were unaware that it would be operating. However, it marked the first time since the dispute began Jan. 13 that BR has managed to operate any service on strike days.

Strike hits British Airways

London, Feb. 9 (AP) — British Airways canceled all its 34 European flights Tuesday from London's Heathrow Airport after workers walked off the job in a dispute over planned work-schedule changes, officials said.

The strikers also refused to service some aircraft operated by the Soviet Union's Aeroflot, Finland's Finnair, Belgium's Sabena, Switzerland's Swissair and Greece's Olympic.

The early shift of 600 aircraft service staff, loaders, baggage handlers, aircraft cleaners and catering and freight truck drivers refused

to operate the new schedules when they arrived for work, a BA spokesman said. Some 1,400 workers on other shifts are also involved in the dispute.

Senior shop steward Michael le Corneau said BA managers told them they could not sign on for work until they accepted the schedules. "They have been locked out without pay and will not go back until the new plan is withdrawn," he said.

Le Corneau said the new schedules would cut overtime earnings, impose new duties and increase the working week from 38 1/2 hours to 40 hours.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazen

An Arab businessman, a friend of mine who is no longer, shall we say, in the very spring of life, betook himself to the resort of Marbella in Spain for a holiday. He booked into a good hotel, and prepared to spend the time lounging in and around its swimming pool.

This was what he was doing when a beautiful blond appeared and took a graceful dive into the water. The scene somehow got to him, and he remembered his days when young, and thought to test if he still had it in him to impress the ladies as in the days of yore.

He therefore stood up, pulled his stomach in, and took a running jump into the deep end. But time had taken its toll, and instead of emerging to the surface in the old victorious way, he found that disaster had struck: his dentures were knocked out of his mouth by the impact, and there was no way he was going to surface for the lady to see him in such a state. He stayed down rummaging for them, and was almost dead by the time he did. He emerged quietly from the water, took his towel and sun glasses, and went to his room to ruminate over the end of all things...

A situation as sad as that of another friend who owns and runs a factory. He decided one day that fairness demands that all employees should take an aptitude test so that he could see who the best and brightest were and reward them accordingly.

He was also a democrat and thought that he should take the test too. He did, and emerged afterward looking rather distraught. Later that day, his wife asked him how he fared. "You can thank your lucky stars I own the damned works..."

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Brussels	6	43	9	48	cloudy
Buenos Aires	19	66	28	82	cloudy
Cairo	8	46	17	63	cloudy
Caracas	18	68	28	82	cloudy
Chicago	-17	1	-6	22	snow
Copenhagen	0	32	0	32	cloudy
Dublin	1	34	11	52	rain
Frankfurt	-2	28	9	48	rain
Geneva	2	36	11	52	clear
Helsinki	-19	-2	9	48	cloudy
Hong Kong	14	57	17	63	cloudy
Jakarta	23	73	31	88	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	32	90	rain
London	8	46	12	54	cloudy
Los Angeles	12	54	18	65	cloudy
Madrid	1	34	15	59	clear
Manila	17	63	30	86	clear
Mexico City	9	48	22	72	cloudy
Miami	23	74	25	78	cloudy
Montreal	-17	1	-7	19	clear
Moscow	-24	-11	-14	7	clear
New Delhi	9	48	21	70	clear
New York	-2	29	7	45	rain
Nicosia	3	37	14	57	clear
Oso	-8	18	-7	19	snow
Paris	6	43	11	52	clear
Rio de Janeiro	21	70	33	91	cloudy
Rome	6	43	14	57	cloudy
San Francisco	9	48	13	55	cloudy
Seoul	-11	12	-1	30	clear
Singapore	25	77	32	90	cloudy
Stockholm	-5	23	-3	27	cloudy
Sydney	21	70	38	100	cloudy
Taipei	12	54	18	64	cloudy
Tokyo	-1	30	07	45	clear
Toronto	-6	21	-3	27	clear
Vancouver	-5	23	3	41	clear
Varna	-1	30	1	34	cloudy